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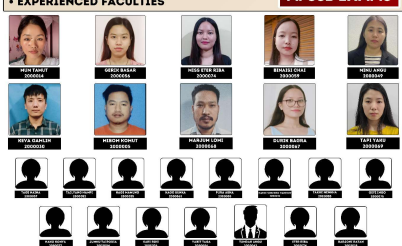
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(a) Audrey Azoulay

(b) Sanjana Thakur

(c) Dr. Usha Thakur

(d) Vikram Misri

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Ans1. (c) Dr. Usha Thakur

- In a heartwarming celebration of linguistic and cultural ties between India and Nepal, **Dr. Usha Thakur** has been honoured with the **12th Vishwa Hindi Samman**.
- This prestigious award recognizes her outstanding contributions to Hindi literature and her efforts in strengthening the bonds between Hindi and Nepali languages.

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Q2. National Insurance Awareness Day is celebrated every year on _____?

(a) 28 June
(b) 20 May
(c) 21 July
(d) 10 August

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Ans2. (a) 28 June

National Insurance Awareness Day Observed on **June 28, 2024!** This annual observance is dedicated to promoting the importance of insurance and ensuring that people understand the benefits of having adequate coverage. It's a day to reflect on our financial security and take proactive steps towards a more protected future.

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Q3. What is the name of the portal launched by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) to enhance user experience and data access?

(a) eSankhyiki
(b) StatData
(c) DataGovIN
(d) eSaraswath

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Ans3. (a) eSankhyiki

eSankhyiki Portal:

- It provides **real-time inputs for planners**, policy-makers, researchers and the public at large.
- It has officially been launched on Statistics Day.
- The objective of this portal is to establish a **comprehensive data management** and sharing system for ease of dissemination of official statistics in the country.

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Q4. Where was the final match of ICC T20 World Cup 2024 held on Saturday, June 29?

(a) Kensington Oval, Barbados
(b) Queens Park Oval, Trinidad and Tobago
(c) Darren Sammy Cricket Ground, St
(d) Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, Lucia Antigua and Barbudav

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Ans4. (a) Kensington Oval, Barbados

In a historic moment at Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados on Saturday, June 29, India defeated South Africa by 7 runs to lift the 2024 T20

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Q5. Which day is annually observed as International Day of the Tropics?

(a) 22 June
(b) 23 June
(c) 07 June
(d) 29 June

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Ans5. (d) 29 June

International Day of the Tropics, observed annually on 29 June, celebrates the rich diversity and vital role of tropical regions around the world. It aims to raise global awareness of the unique challenges and opportunities presented

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Q6. Who has been appointed as the captain of the ICC T20 World Cup 2024 Team of the Tournament?

(a) Pat Cummins
(b) Jos Buttler
(c) Aiden Markram
(d) Rohit Sharma

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Ans6. (d) Rohit Sharma

Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh (all Indians); Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Rashid Khan, Fazalhaq Farooqi (Afghanistan); Marcus Stoinis (Australia) and Nicholas Pooran (West Indies); **12th man:** Anrich Nortje.

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Q7. Which bank received the Atal Pension Yojana Annual Award and APY Ultimate Champions Cup from PFRDA for the financial year 2023-24?

(a) State Bank of India
(b) Bank of India
(c) Punjab National Bank
(d) HDFC Bank

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Ans7. (b) Bank of India

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)

- It is a statutory regulatory body set up under the PFRDA Act enacted in 2014.
- Objective: To promote old age income security by establishing, developing, and regulating pension funds and to protect the interests of subscribers to schemes of pension funds and related matters.
- It comes under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
- PFRDA is headquartered in New Delhi, with regional offices located around the country.
- Composition: It consists of a Chairperson and not more than six members, of whom at least three shall be whole-time members, to be appointed by the Central Government.
- Regulate National Pension System (NPS) and other pension schemes to which the PFRDA Act applies;

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Q8. Who has won the gold medal in the women's 100m hurdles at the National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships in Panchkula?

(a) Nitya Ramraj
(b) Ankita Surve
(c) Jyoti Yaraji
(d) Malvika

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Ans8. (c) Jyoti Yaraji

- India's Jyothi Yaraji won Gold medal in the Women's 100m Hurdles at the National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships in Panchkula today.
- Jyothi won with a timing of 13.06 seconds. While in Men's 110m Hurdles, Tejas Shirse won the Gold medal with a timing of 13.54 seconds.
- Both Jyothi and Tejas are most likely to qualify for Paris Olympics via World rankings.



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Q9. National Postal Employees Day is celebrated on 1 July. In which year was National Postal Employees Day started?

(a) 1997
(b) 1985
(c) 1990
(d) 2000

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Ans9. (a) 1997

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- On 1 July, National Postal Employees Day is celebrated in India, which provides an opportunity to recognize the tireless efforts of postal employees.
- This day is to explain the merit of those who deliver letters and packages to us on time.
- Postal employees play a vital role in ensuring our communication links without getting tired, which strengthens the relationships between communities and people.

Q10. Famous player **Bhupinder Singh Rawat who passed away recently was related to which sport?**

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- (a) Cricket
- (b) Hockey
- (c) Football
- (d) Badminton

Ans10. (c) Football

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- Former India midfielder **Bhupinder Singh Rawat**, who played in the **1969 Merdeka Cup in Malaysia** died after a brief illness, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) stated.
- A speedy winger of the 1960s and 1970s, Rawat played for India in the 1969 Merdeka tournament in Malaysia.
- Domestically, he played for **Delhi Garrison, Gorkha Brigade and Mafatlal.**

Q11. Who won the **10th Leon Masters Chess Championship in Spain?**

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- (a) Jaime Santos Latasa
- (b) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
- (c) Viswanathan Anand
- (d) Magnus Carlsen

Ans11. (c) Viswanathan Anand

- **Viswanathan Anand**, the former world chess champion from India, achieved a remarkable feat.
- He won the **Leon Masters chess championship** for the 10th time, defeating **Jaime Santos Latasa** of Spain in the final with a score of 3-1.
- This victory adds another jewel to Anand's crown of achievements in the world of chess.



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Q12. Who will be given the Career Achievement Award at the Locarno Film Festival?

(a) Shah Rukh Khan
(b) Aamir Khan
(c) Salman Khan
(d) Ranbir Kapoor

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Ans12. (a) Shah Rukh Khan

- The Locarno Film Festival is an annual international film festival held in Locarno, Switzerland that screens a variety of films in competitive and non-competitive sections.
- The festival was founded in 1946 and includes programs for feature-length narratives, documentaries, shorts, avant-garde, and retrospectives.



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Q13. Recently, the biography 'Swarswami' of which Indian singer was released?

(a) Lata Mangeshkar
(b) Sonu Nigam
(c) Pandit Hridaynath Mangeshkar
(d) Asha Bhosle

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Ans13. (d) Asha Bhosle



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Q14. Who has become the number 1 T20 all-rounder after India's victory in the T20 World Cup?

(a) Axar Patel
(b) Hardik Pandya
(c) Ravindra Jadeja
(d) Shivam Dube

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Ans14. (b) Hardik Pandya



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Q15. Which Indian state has created the first 'inclusive sports manual' for persons with disabilities?

(a) Karnataka
(b) Maharashtra
(c) Kerala
(d) Tamil Nadu

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Ans15. (c) Kerala

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- Kerala has developed an inclusive sports manual to nurture the talents of differently abled children in sports.
- The programme encourages participation from individuals with various disabilities alongside those without.
- It marks a pioneering effort in India, aiming to support parents in facilitating sports activities for their children, fostering inclusivity and equal opportunities in sports participation.

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Q16. Who has written the book titled 'Kargil War: The Turning Point'?

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- (a) Col MB Ravindranath
- (b) B-Brig (Retd) SK Sinha
- (c) Major General (Retd) GD Bakshi
- (d) Lt Gen (Retd) KT Parnayak

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Ans16. (a) Col MB Ravindranath

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This **firsthand account** by Commanding Officer 2 RAJ RIF reveals the intense planning and heroic sacrifices that pivoted the **Kargil War** in India's favour.



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Q17. What is the name of the advanced land observation satellite launched by the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency to revolutionise disaster management?

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- (a) Hayabusa-2
- (b) DAICHI-4
- (c) KIBO-2
- (d) IKAROS-4

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Ans17. (b) DAICHI-4

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Q18. Who was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Munich Film Festival?

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Ans18. (b) Kate Winslet

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Q19. Who won the prestigious Spices Award 2024 for business diversification and integrated crop management excellence?

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Ans19. (d) Sopana Kallingal

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Sopna Kallingal of Kallingal Plantation, Thrissur, received Spice Award 2024, instituted by ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research. The award has been given to her for her initiatives in enterprise diversification and integrated crop management strategies, promoting a sustainable spice-based cropping system.



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Q20. World Zoonosis Day is observed every year on 6 July. In which year was the first vaccination against a zoonotic disease successfully created by Louis Pasteur on 6 July ?

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(a) 1885
(b) 1860
(c) 1890
(d) 1905

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Ans20. (a) 1885

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- **World Zoonoses Day**, is celebrated in honour of **Louis Pasteur**, who administered the **first successful rabies vaccine**, a zoonotic disease, on **6th July 1885**.
- **Zoonoses are infectious diseases that can transfer between animals and humans**, such as **rabies, anthrax, influenza (H1N1 and H5N1), Nipah, Covid-19, brucellosis, and tuberculosis**.

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Q21. With whom did RBI collaborate to launch a quick cross-border payment platform under Project Nexus?

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(a) European Union
(b) African Union
(c) ASEAN
(d) SAARC

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Ans21. (c) ASEAN

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• **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has joined **Project Nexus**, a **multilateral international initiative** to enable **instant cross-border retail payments** by **interlinking domestic Fast Payments Systems (FPSs)**.

• **Project Nexus** is conceptualised by the Innovation Hub of the **Bank for International Settlements (BIS)**.



• It seeks to **enhance cross-border payments** by connecting multiple global domestic instant payment systems (IPS).

• It is the **first BIS Innovation Hub project** in the payments area to move towards live implementation.

• Project Nexus aims to connect the FPSs of four **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** namely, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and India, who would be the **founding members and first mover countries** of this platform.

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• Established in 1930, the **BIS** is owned by 63 central banks, representing **countries from around the world** that together account for about 95% of world **GDP**.

• Its head office is in Basel, Switzerland and it has two representative offices (Hong Kong SAR and Mexico City), as well as **Innovation Hub Centres** around the world.

• **Innovation BIS 2025**, is its **medium-term strategy** that leverages technology and new collaboration channels to serve the central banking community in the fast-changing world.

• The **Basel Banking Accords** are global rules set by the **Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS)**, operating under the **Bank for International Settlements (BIS)** in Basel, Switzerland, providing guidelines for **best practices in banking**.

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Q22. Who will lead India's 28-member team at the 2024 Paris Olympics?

(a) Avinash Sable
(b) Ajinderpal Singh Toor
(c) Neeraj Chopra
(d) Jyoti Yaraj

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Ans22. (c) Neeraj Chopra

The Indian squad competing at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics led by Neeraj Chopra is comprised of 17 men and 11 women athletes. Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra will lead the 28-member Indian athletics contingent at the Paris Olympics starting July 26.



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Q23. Who broke the national steeplechase record at the Paris Diamond League meet in 2024?

(a) Abraham Sime
(b) Amos Serem
(c) Avinash Sable
(d) Abraham Kibiwot

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Ans23. (c) Avinash Sable

India's Avinash Sable set a new national record in the 3000m steeplechase at the Paris Diamond League in France yesterday.

The star steeplechase player bettered his own record by more than a second. Sable finished sixth at the event with a timing of 8:09.91 (8 minutes, 9 seconds, and 91 hundredths of a second).



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Q24. Who has assumed the presidency of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) from July 2024?

(a) Elisa de Anda Madrazo
(b) T. Raja Kumar
(c) Christine Lagarde
(d) Janet Yellen

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Ans24. (a) Elisa de Anda Madrazo

FATF

- FATF is the global [money laundering](#) and [terrorist financing](#) watchdog set up in 1989 out of a [G-7](#) meeting of developed nations in Paris.
- Initially, its objective was to examine and develop measures to combat money laundering.
- After the 9/11 attacks on the US, the FATF in 2001 expanded its mandate to incorporate efforts to combat terrorist financing.

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Q25. Who won both the men's doubles and mixed doubles titles at the Asian Doubles Squash Championships in Johor, Malaysia?

(a) Velavan Senthilkumar
 (b) Ong Sai Hung
 (c) Abhay Singh
 (d) Syafiq Kamal

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Ans25. (c) Abhay Singh


- Abhay Singh wins both men's doubles and mixed doubles titles.
- In the Asian Doubles Squash Championships today, India's Abhay Singh won both the men's doubles and mixed doubles titles in Johor, Malaysia.



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Q26. Who won the British Grand Prix 2024 at Silverstone, England?

(a) Max Verstappen
 (b) Charles Leclerc
 (c) Sergio Perez
 (d) Lewis Hamilton

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Ans26. (d) Lewis Hamilton

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• It was the twelfth round of the 2024 Formula One World Championship.

• The race was won by Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes ahead of Max Verstappen of Red Bull Racing and Lando Norris of McLaren.

• It was Hamilton's first victory since the 2021 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix.



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Q27. Who won the 2024 Asian Billiards Championship title?

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(a) Dhruv Sitwala
(b) Pankaj Advani
(c) Anupama Ramachandran
(d) Panchaya Channoi

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Ans27. (a) Dhruv Sitwala

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Dhruv Sitwala won his third title by defeating Pankaj Advani with his brilliant



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Q28. Which company's chairperson Roshni Nadar Malhotra was awarded France's highest civilian award 'Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur'?

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(a) Infosys
(b) Wipro
(c) HCLTech
(d) TCS

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Ans28. (c) HCLTech



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Q29. Who has been selected as India's women's flag bearer at the opening ceremony of Paris Olympics 2024?

(a) Mary Kom
(b) P.V. Sindhu
(c) Saina Nehwal
(d) A. Sharath Kamal

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Ans29. (b) P.V. Sindhu



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Q30. Who has been appointed as the Chief-de-Mission of the Indian contingent in Paris Olympics 2024?

(a) Neeraj Chopra
(b) Mary Kom
(c) Gagan Narang
(d) Abhinav Bindra

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Ans30. (c) Gagan Narang

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has named Gagan Narang, four-time Olympian and 2012 Olympic Games men's 10 meter Air Rifle bronze medalist, as the Chef-de-Mission of the Indian contingent to compete in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, starting on 26th July.



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Q31. Which Indian state has been awarded the Best Agricultural State Award for 2024 by the 15th Agriculture Leadership Awards Committee?

(a) Gujarat
(b) Punjab
(c) Uttar Pradesh
(d) Maharashtra

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Ans31. (d) Maharashtra

The 15th Agriculture Leadership Awards Committee has announced that Maharashtra has won the Best Agriculture State Award for 2024. The announcement was made by the 15th Agriculture Leadership Awards Committee, headed by Justice P Sathasivam, former Chief Justice of India and Governor of Kerala.

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Q32. What is the name of the award conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi by the President of the Russian Federation?

(a) Order of the White Eagle
 (b) Order of Friendship
 (c) Order of the Red Banner
 (d) Order of St. Andrew the Apostle

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Ans32. (d) Order of St. Andrew the Apostle

- In a special ceremony in St. Andrew Hall in the Kremlin, President of the Russian Federation, H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin conferred Russia's highest national award "**The Order of St. Andrew the Apostle**" on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his contribution to fostering India-Russia ties.
- The award was announced in 2019.



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Q33. Who has been appointed as the Principal Advisor in the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program?

(a) Dr. Harsh Vardhan
 (b) Dr. Soumya Swaminathan
 (c) Dr. Balram Bhargava
 (d) Dr. Randeep Guleria

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Ans33. (b) Dr. Soumya Swaminathan

Tuberculosis
 Tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.

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Q34. Who has been appointed as the new head coach of the Indian men's cricket team?

(a) Rahul Dravid
(b) Sourav Ganguly
(c) Gautam Gambhir
(d) Anil Kumble

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Ans34. (c) Gautam Gambhir

Mr Gautam Gambhir appointed as Head Coach - Team India (Senior Men) The Cricket Advisory Committee comprising Mr Ashok Malhotra, Mr Jatin Paranjpe and Ms Sulakshana Naik on Tuesday unanimously recommended Mr Gautam Gambhir as the Head Coach of Team India (Senior Men).



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Q35. Which mineral mines of Jharkhand were recently declared 'Child Labour Free' by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights?

(a) Coal
(b) Mica
(c) Iron Ore
(d) Limestone

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Ans35. (b) Mica

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)

- The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has been constituted by the Government of India under the **Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005**, and is mandated to function for the protection and promotion of child rights.
- The Commission is further mandated to monitor the proper and effective implementation of
 - Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012
 - Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015
 - Right to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009
- India has acceded to the **Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in 1992** which is an international treaty that makes it incumbent upon the signatory States to take all necessary steps to protect children's rights enumerated in the Convention.

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Q36. In which city did the United States host the 2024 NATO summit?

(a) New York City
(b) California
(c) Washington DC
(d) Florida

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Ans36. (c) Washington DC

NATO

- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is an intergovernmental military alliance formed in 1949. It was established with the primary goal of providing collective defence against potential aggression, particularly from the Soviet Union during the Cold War era. Over the years, NATO has evolved to address a range of security challenges beyond its original mandate.

History

- **Formation:** NATO was established on April 4, 1949, with the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington, D.C. by 12 founding member countries from [Europe](#) and North America.
- **Cold War Era:** During the [Cold War](#), NATO served as a deterrent against Soviet expansionism, with the US providing significant military support to its European allies.
- **Post-Cold War:** After the collapse of the [Soviet Union](#), NATO expanded its focus to include crisis management, conflict prevention, and cooperative security efforts.

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Q37. Which company has been named as the principal sponsor for Team India at Paris Olympics 2024?

(a) Tata Group
(b) Reliance Industries
(c) Infosys
(d) Adani Group

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Ans37. (d) Adani Group

Ancient Olympics (c. 776 BCE – 394 CE)

- The origins of the Olympics can be traced back to ancient Greece, with the first recorded Olympic Games held in Olympia in 776 BCE.
- These ancient games were held every four years in Olympia to honor the Greek god Zeus.
- They featured athletic competitions, including foot races, discus throwing, and combat sports like wrestling and boxing.

Revival of the Modern Olympics (Late 19th Century)

The idea of reviving the Olympic Games was proposed by Pierre de Coubertin, a French educator, in the late 19th century.

- He believed that the Olympics could promote international understanding and goodwill through athletic competition.
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) was founded in 1894, and the first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens in 1896.

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Q38. Which of the following CAPFs has launched the "Grow with the Trees" tree plantation drive?

(a) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
 (b) Border Security Force (BSF)
 (c) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
 (d) Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)

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Ans38. (b) Border Security Force (BSF)

BSF

- The BSF was raised in 1965, after the [India-Pakistan war](#).
- It is one of the [seven Central Armed Police Forces](#) of the Union of India under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- Other Central Armed Police Forces are: [Assam Rifles \(AR\)](#), [Indo-Tibetan Border Police \(ITBP\)](#), [Central Industrial Security Force \(CISF\)](#), [Central Reserve Police Force \(CRPF\)](#), [National Security Guards \(NSG\)](#) and [Sashastra Seema Bal \(SSB\)](#).

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Q39. What is the theme of World Population Day 2024?

(a) Sustainable Future for All
 (b) Leave No One Behind, Count Everyone
 (c) Empowering Population Growth
 (d) Global Population and Health

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Ans39. (b) Leave No One Behind, Count Everyone

- [World Population Day](#) is observed on 11th July every year to raise awareness about **global population issues** and the **importance of reproductive health and rights**.
- It was established by the [United Nations](#) in 1989.

History:

- In 1989, the [United Nations Development Programme \(UNDP\)](#) proposed that July 11th be designated as World Population Day to draw global attention to the urgency and significance of population-related issues.
- UNDP was inspired by the public interest and awareness that was created by "Five Billion Day" on 11th July 1987 when the world's population reached 5 billion.
- **Theme:** The theme of this 2024 WPD is "*Leave no one behind, count everyone*".

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Q40. Name the SpaceX mission that aims to break the record of space exploration by sending astronauts to an orbital altitude of 870 miles?

(a) Apollo 17
(b) Gemini 11
(c) Starlink
(d) Polaris Dawn

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Ans40. (d) Polaris Dawn

Polaris Dawn Mission

- **Polaris Dawn** is set to be the first non-governmental mission to conduct a spacewalk, reaching an unprecedented altitude of approximately **700 kilometres (435 miles)** above Earth.
 - This altitude surpasses that of the **International Space Station (ISS)**, which orbits at about **400 kilometres**.
- **Spacecraft:** SpaceX will provide the **Falcon 9 rocket** and **Dragon capsule** for the mission. The spacecraft will attempt to break the altitude record set by NASA's **Gemini 11 mission** in 1966, which reached 1,373 kilometres.
- **Crew and leadership:** The mission is spearheaded by billionaire entrepreneur **Jared Isaacman**, who previously financed and flew on SpaceX's Inspiration4 mission, the first civilian mission to orbit Earth.

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Q41. With which country did India implement Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for organic products?

(a) Japan
(b) South Korea
(c) Taiwan
(d) Singapore

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Ans41. (c) Taiwan

Mutual Recognition Agreement with Taiwan

- The implementation of the MRA between India and Taiwan is a landmark achievement as it is the **first bilateral agreement for organic products**.
- The implementing Agencies for the MRA are **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)**, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India and Agriculture and Food Agency, Ministry of Agriculture (AFA), Taiwan.
- Under this agreement, agricultural products produced and handled organically in conformity with the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) and accompanied by an organic demonstration document issued by an accredited certification body under NPOP are allowed for sale in Taiwan as organically produced including **display of the "India Organic" logo**.

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Q42. Which state was adjudged the best state in horticulture at the Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024?

(a) Sikkim
(b) Kerala
(c) Punjab
(d) Nagaland

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Ans42. (d) Nagaland

- Nagaland was honored as the best state in horticulture at the Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024, recognizing its innovative agricultural practices.
- The award was presented at the 15th Agriculture Leadership Conclave in New Delhi, emphasizing Nagaland's contributions to agricultural development.
- Salhoutuonuo Kruse, Nagaland's Minister for Women's Resource Development and Horticulture, accepted the award, highlighting the state's progressive policies and programs benefiting farmers and rural communities.

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Q43. Which country is hosting 'Exercise Pitch Black 24' in 2024, where the Indian Air Force will participate with Su-30MKI fighter jets?

(a) Australia
 (b) India
 (c) United States
 (d) United Kingdom

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Ans43. (a) Australia



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Q44. When is National Fish Farmers Day observed?

(a) 10 July
 (b) 10 June
 (c) 8 August
 (d) 8 September

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Ans44. (a) 10 July

- National Fish Farmers Day is celebrated in the memory of scientists **Dr K. H. Alikunhi and Dr H. L. Chaudhury**.
- Both of them successfully demonstrated **Hypophysation** (technology of induced breeding) in Indian Major Carps (common name for several species of fish) on 10th July 1957.

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Q45. Who inaugurated the FE Modern BFSI Summit 2024 on July 19?

(a) Shaktikanta Das
(b) Dilip Asbe
(c) Debasish Panda
(d) Nirmala Sitharaman

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Ans45. (a) Shaktikanta Das

- The FE Modern BFSI Summit is a prestigious summit that discusses the future of India's banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI) sector.
- The 2024 summit featured industry leaders, including RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and Ajay Piramal, Chairman of Piramal.

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Q46. Which of the following countries did not participate in the 'Birlestik-2024' multinational military exercise held in Aktau, Kazakhstan?

(a) Turkmenistan
(b) Kyrgyzstan
(c) Uzbekistan
(d) Azerbaijan

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Ans46. (a) Turkmenistan

Birlestik-2024

- The exercises, named Birlestik-2024, which means "alliance" in Kazakh, are hosted by Kazakhstan and include four other ex-Soviet states.
- The drills will take place in the Caspian Sea and involve around 4,000 troops, warships, aviation, artillery, and tanks.
- Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan are the participating countries, with Turkmenistan notably absent. Additionally, Azerbaijan, a Caucasus country, is participating in these exercises.

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Q47. Which state was adjudged the best state in horticulture at the **Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024?**

(a) Sikkim
(b) Kerala
(c) Punjab
(d) Nagaland

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Ans47. (d) Nagaland

- Nagaland has received the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Award in Horticulture 2024, adjudged as the best state.
- The award recognizes Nagaland for its horticulture development.

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Q48. On which date is 'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas**' was observed to remember the people who suffered during the Emergency of 1975?**

(a) 24 June
(b) 25 June
(c) 26 June
(d) 27 June

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Ans48. (b) 25 June

- A state of emergency in India refers to a period of governance that can be proclaimed by the **President of India** during certain crisis situations. Under the advice of the cabinet of ministers, the President can overrule many provisions of the Constitution, which guarantees **Fundamental Rights** to the citizens of India.
- The emergency provisions are contained in **Part XVIII** of the Constitution of India, from **Article 352 to 360**. These provisions enable the Central government to meet any abnormal situation effectively.
- The rationality behind the incorporation is to safeguard the sovereignty, unity, integrity and security of the country, the democratic political system and the Constitution.
- The Constitution stipulates three types of emergencies-
 - National Emergency
 - Constitutional Emergency
 - Financial Emergency

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NATIONAL EMERGENCY

- National emergency can be declared on the basis of war, external aggression or armed rebellion. The Constitution employs the expression 'proclamation of emergency' to denote an emergency of this type.

Grounds of declaration:

- Under Article 352, the president can declare a national emergency when the security of India or a part of it is threatened by war or external aggression or armed rebellion.
- The President can declare a national emergency even before the actual occurrence of war or armed rebellion or external aggression
- When a national emergency is declared on the grounds of 'war' or 'external aggression', it is known as '**External Emergency**'. On the other hand, when it is declared on the grounds of '**armed rebellion**', it is known as '**Internal Emergency**'.
- This term 'armed rebellion' is inserted from the [44th amendment](#). Before this term it was known as internal disturbance.

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Q49. Name the campaign launched by NITI Aayog to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission trucks in India.

(a) NITI Clean Freight Challenge
(b) Green Transport Initiative
(c) Niti Gearshift Challenge
(d) Zero-Emission Drive

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Ans49. (c) NITI Gearshift Challenge

- NITI Aayog launched the GearShift Challenge to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission trucks in India.
- The challenge is a hackathon that aims to develop innovative business models to address the challenges of adopting electric trucks in India.
- The challenge is part of the e-FAST India initiative.

e-FAST India Initiative

- e-FAST was born from the recognition of the urgent **need to decarbonize road-based freight** transportation in India to realize its 2070 net zero commitments.
- It was launched in September 2022.
- It aims to galvanize the transition towards **cleaner and greener freight transportation**.
- The platform facilitates active collaborations at both the national and international levels, supports ideation and development of pilot programs on a scalable basis, and explores technology integration and associated research.
- It is a platform that **facilitates deliberation, debates and collaboration** between different stakeholders including the government, Original Equipment Manufacturers, Logistics Service Providers, Shippers, and industry experts to enable the development and adoption of electric technology in the freight sector at scale.

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Q50. Which country has won the European Football Championship (UEFA EURO 2024) for a record fourth time by defeating England in the final?

(a) Germany
(b) Italy
(c) Spain
(d) France

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Ans50. (c) Spain



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Q51. Which trust received the '**Best Child and Women Development Initiative of the Year 2024**' award at the Global CSR, Sustainability and ESG Awards 2024?

(a) Sri Venkateswara Trust
 (b) Sri Kurumba Educational and Charitable Trust
 (c) Ananda Foundation
 (d) Pratham Education Foundation

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Ans69. (b) Sri Kurumba Educational and Charitable Trust

Sri Kurumba Educational and Charitable Trust, the CSR wing of Sobha Group, was awarded the "Best Child and Women Development Initiative of the Year 2024". The award was presented at the Global CSR, Sustainability and ESG Awards 2024 ceremony at Hyatt Regency, Gurgaon, hosted by Marketing and Brand Honchos.

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Q52. Which state has become the first to prepare a **People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)** with the help of local communities?

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

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Ans52. (b) Kerala

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People's Biodiversity Register

- PBR serves as a comprehensive record of various aspects of biodiversity, including the conservation of habitats, preservation of land races, domesticated stocks and breeds of animals, micro-organisms, and the accumulation of knowledge related to the area's biological diversity.
- So far, 2,67,608 PBRs have been prepared by Biodiversity Management Committees in different states.
- There is a plan to set up PBR in every village across the country under Mission LiFE (lifestyle for environment) which is conceived to conserve the planet earth through mindful utilisation of natural resources and various other actions at individual and community levels in the country.

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Q53. Which team won the World Championship of Legends title?

(a) Pakistan Champions
(b) Australia Legends
(c) India Champions
(d) England Legends

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Ans53. (c) India Champions

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- In a riveting finale of the World Championship of Legends 2024, **India Champions** clinched a memorable victory against their arch-rivals **Pakistan Champions** by five wickets.
- The match, held at **Edgbaston** on July 13, 2024, showcased the enduring spirit of cricket and the fierce competition between these two cricketing powerhouses.

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Q54. Who has been named the brand ambassador for MotoGP in India?

(a) Virat Kohli
(b) Rohit Sharma
(c) Shikhar Dhawan
(d) M.S. Dhoni

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Ans54. (c) Shikhar Dhawan

Eurosport India has appointed Shikhar Dhawan as the brand ambassador for MotoGPTM in India. Dhawan will now promote his passion for racing through the 'Face Kar Race Kar' campaign. He called the partnership with MotoGP an honour and reminisced about his days riding bikes in Delhi. The 2024 MotoGPTM season has already seen 9 races and will have 11 more, concluding with the BritishGP on August 2. Warner Bros.



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Q55. In which state did Amit Shah inaugurate 'Pradhan Mantri College of Excellence'?

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

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Ans55. (c) Madhya Pradesh

Important events have been inaugurated in Indian politics and education sector. One of them is, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated Prime Minister College of Excellence in 55 districts of the state from Indore, Madhya Pradesh. Many dignitaries including Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav and Union Minister Ms. Savitri Thakur were present on the occasion.

- Pradhan Mantri Colleges of Excellence are a program in Madhya Pradesh, India that offer courses aligned with the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- The NEP aims to develop students holistically, and includes academic subjects, life skills, and vocational training. The program also encourages students to think outside the box.

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Q56. Which team won a record 16th Copa America title?

(a) Brazil
(b) Colombia
(c) Argentina
(d) Uruguay

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Ans56. (c) Argentina

Argentina won its record 16th title by defeating Colombia 1-0 in the Copa America Football Championship.



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Q57. In which country did Serum Institute of India and Oxford University launch the new malaria vaccine R21/Matrix-M?

(a) Nigeria
(b) Cote-d'Ivoire
(c) Ghana
(d) Burkina Faso

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Ans57. (b) Cote-d'Ivoire

- Serum Institute of India (SII), the world's largest vaccine manufacturer (by number of doses produced and sold globally), has shipped the first set of [R21/Matrix-M malaria vaccines](#) to countries in Africa.
- This vaccine has been developed by the University of Oxford and the Serum Institute of India.
- It has been recommended for use by the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) after meeting required safety, quality and effectiveness standards.
- The first malaria vaccine, [RTS,S/AS01](#) was recommended by WHO to prevent malaria in children in October 2021.
- **Malaria** is a life-threatening disease caused by the *plasmodium parasite*, which is transmitted to humans through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes.



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Q58. Thomas Muller, who retires from international football in July 2024, hails from which country?

(a) Spain
(b) Brazil
(c) Slovakia
(d) Germany

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Ans58. (d) Germany

- German football star Thomas Muller has ended his international career, which has been part of a glorious journey.
- His journey began with the German national team in 2010, when he made his international debut.
- He also played a vital role in World Cups, such as in 2010, where he scored 5 goals and led Germany to a third-place finish.



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Q59. Who received the 2024 Pioneer of the Year Award?

(a) Tom Cruise
(b) Kathleen Kennedy
(c) Greta Gerwig
(d) Michael D. Eisner

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Ans59. (c) Greta Gerwig

- Greta Gerwig has been awarded the 2024 Pioneer of the Year Award by the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation (WRMPFF).
- The award recognizes her significant contributions to the film industry, leadership, community service and her commitment to philanthropy.



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Q60. Who is the chairman of the reconstituted NITI Aayog?

(a) Narendra Modi
 (b) Suman Beri
 (c) BVR Subrahmanyam
 (d) Shivraj Singh Chouhan

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Ans60. (a) Narendra Modi

Planning Commission was replaced by a new institution – NITI Aayog on January 1, 2015 with emphasis on 'Bottom –Up' approach to envisage the vision of Maximum Governance, Minimum Government, echoing the spirit of 'Cooperative Federalism'.

Composition of NITI Aayog

- **Chairperson:** Prime Minister
- **Vice-Chairperson:** To be appointed by Prime-Minister
- **Governing Council:** Chief Ministers of all states and Lt. Governors of Union Territories.
- **Regional Council:** To address specific regional issues, Comprising Chief Ministers and Lt. Governors Chaired by Prime Minister or his nominee.
- **Adhoc Membership:** 2 member in ex-officio capacity from leading Research institutions on rotational basis.
- **Ex-Officio membership:** Maximum four from Union council of ministers to be nominated by Prime minister.
- **Chief Executive Officer:** Appointed by Prime-minister for a fixed tenure, in rank of Secretary to Government of India.

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Q61. Where was Asia's first health research related 'pre-clinical network facility' inaugurated under the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)?

(a) New Delhi
 (b) Faridabad
 (c) Mumbai
 (d) Bengaluru

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Ans61. (b) Faridabad

A pre-clinical network facility is a virtual testing network of laboratories that perform experiments on drug candidates.

Coalition of Epidemic Preparedness for Innovation (CEPI)

- CEPI is a global partnership launched in 2017 to develop vaccines to stop future epidemics.
- CEPI was founded in Davos (Switzerland) by the governments of Norway and India, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Wellcome Trust, and the [World Economic Forum](#).
- The Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, and Government of India has been implementing the [IndCEPI mission](#) 'India Centric Epidemic Preparedness through Rapid Vaccine Development: Supporting Indian Vaccine Development'.

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Q62. Which oil company has launched high-speed car racing fuel **STORM-X?**

(a) Indian Oil
(b) Bharat Petroleum
(c) Hindustan Petroleum
(d) Reliance Industries

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Ans62. (a) Indian Oil

Indian Oil has started production of its new high-octane petrol "Storm-X", specially formulated for motor racing. This petrol has been generated for the first time at the Paradip Refinery in Odisha and was launched by V. Satish Kumar, Director (Marketing), Indian Oil Corporation. This fuel is going to be used in F1 racing and has been produced at the Paradip Refinery.

Octane Number: It measures the **fuel's resistance to engine knocking**. Higher octane numbers signify better resistance to premature combustion in gasoline.

Cetane Number: Indicates the **ignition quality of diesel fuel**. A higher cetane number signifies easier ignition.

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Q63. What is the name of the recently released book which recaps the speeches of President Draupadi Murmu?

(a) Wings to Our Hopes
(b) Rashtrapati Bhavan: A Meeting of Heritage and Present
(c) Kahani Rashtrapati Bhavan
(d) Rashtrapati Ki Journey

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Ans63. (a) Wings to Our Hopes

- The book, *Wings to Our Hopes*, contains President Droupadi Murmu's speeches delivered on various occasions in the first year of her presidency.
- During this period – July 2022-July 2023 – President Murmu has been vocal and had shared her thoughts on a wide range of subjects endearing herself to the people of the country through her simplicity, thoughtfulness and erudition.
- Besides touching various aspects of nation's life, these speeches also underline the innate nature of the First Citizen of reaching out to the masses offering them a hope.

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Q64. Who is the author of the book 'Power Within: The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi'?

(a) Arundhati Roy
(b) Chetan Bhagat
(c) Dr. R. Balasubramaniam
(d) Amish Tripathi

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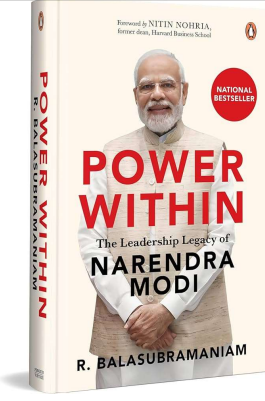
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Ans64. (c) Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

The book "Power Within: The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi" presents an account of five decades of public life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, analyzing various aspects of his leadership. Authored by Dr. Ramaswamy Balasubramanian, this book presents a fusion of Western and Indian perspectives, which shows the unique aspect of leadership.



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Q65. India's first overseas Jan Aushadhi Kendra was inaugurated in which country?

(a) Mauritius
(b) Sri Lanka
(c) Maldives
(d) Seychelles

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Ans65. (a) Mauritius.

Jan Aushadhi Kendras

- Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) is a government initiative launched to provide affordable and quality medicines to the public.
- They operate under the [Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana \(PMBJP\) scheme](#) of the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

PMBJP Scheme:

- The **Jan Aushadhi Scheme**, revamped as **Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana (PMJAY)** in September 2015, aimed to make quality medicines available at affordable prices, particularly for the poor and disadvantaged.



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Q66. Where will the **Women's Asia Cup 2024 be held?**

(a) Sri Lanka
(b) Bangladesh
(c) India
(d) Pakistan

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Ans66. (a) Sri Lanka

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WINNER	YEAR
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India (ODI)	2005-06
India (ODI)	2006
India (ODI)	2008
India (T20I)	2012
India (T20I)	2016
Bangladesh (T20I)	2018
India (T20I)	2022
Sri Lanka (T20I)	2024

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Q67. Which Indian actor will be honored as the Ambassador of Indian Arts and Culture at the **Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2024?**

(a) Shah Rukh Khan
(b) Ram Charan
(c) Aamir Khan
(d) Rajinikanth

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Ans67. (b) Ram Charan

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- Actor Ram Charan will be awarded the Ambassador of Indian Arts and Culture award for his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema at the Melbourne Indian Film Festival (IFFM).
- The festival will be organized by the Victorian state government from August 15 to August 25.



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Q68. What is the full form of the 'KIRTI' program recently launched by Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya?

- (a) Khelo India Rising Talent Initiative
- (b) Khelo India Rising Training Initiative
- (c) Khelo India Rising Talent Identification
- (d) Khelo India Rapid Talent Identification

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Ans68. (c) Khelo India Rising Talent Identification

The Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI) program is a nationwide initiative that aims to identify and nurture young sports talent in India. The program's objectives include:

- Talent identification: Using modern technology and global best practices to identify sports talent across the country
- Athlete development: Establishing a hierarchical structure to develop elite athletes who can compete globally
- Combating addiction: Using sports to help curb drug and gadget addiction among school children

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Q69. What is the name of the Nobel Peace Prize winner who received the Gandhi Mandela Award 2020?

- (a) Malala Yousafzai
- (b) Kailash Satyarthi
- (c) Rigoberta Menchu Tum
- (d) Dalai Lama

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Ans69. (c) Rigoberta Menchu Tum

On 18 July 2024, Nelson Mandela International Day, Guatemalan human rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchu Tum was awarded the Gandhi Mandela Award 2020. The award was given in Mexico in the presence of Advocate Nandan Kumar Jha, founder and secretary general of the Gandhi Mandela Foundation.



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Q70. Whom did Nuno Borges defeat at the Nordea Open to win his first ATP Tour title?

(a) Roger Federer
(b) Rafael Nadal
(c) Novak Djokovic
(d) Andy Murray

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Ans70. (b) Rafael Nadal

Seventh-seeded Portuguese tennis player Nuno Borges won his first ATP Tour title by defeating Rafael Nadal at the Nordea Open in Bastad on Sunday. Borges defeated Nadal 6-3, 6-2, a major achievement. With this win, Borges broke Nadal's serve five times and performed brilliantly, which helped him win his first tour-level final.



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Q71. Which country will host the first Olympic eSports Games in 2025?

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

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Ans71. (c) Saudi Arabia

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has taken a historic step by announcing that the inaugural Olympic eSports Games will take place in Saudi Arabia in 2025. The IOC has a 12-year partnership with the National Olympic Committee (NOC) of Saudi Arabia. Sports Minister HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Faisal has invited the world to the occasion.

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Q72. Which state became the first state in India to launch the **Gross Environmental Product (GEP) Index?**

(a) Himachal Pradesh
 (b) Uttarakhand
 (c) Uttar Pradesh
 (d) Punjab

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Ans72. (b) Uttarakhand

GEP:

- It is a component of **Green GDP** and is considered as the product and service value that the ecosystem provides for human welfare and economic and social sustainable development, including **provisioning, regulating and cultural ecosystem services**.
- Green GDP is an economic growth indicator that factors in environmental aspects like biodiversity losses and climate change costs along with the standard GDP.
- In GEP index, man-made conservation (e.g., [amrit sarovars](#)) accounted separately from natural processes like rain.

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Q73. Who won the All India Football Federation (AIFF) Player of the Year award in 2024?

(a) Sunil Chhetri and Aditi Chauhan
 (b) Sandesh Jhingan and Manisha Kalyan
 (c) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu and Bala Devi
 (d) Lallianzuala and Indumathi Kathiresan

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Ans73. (d) Lallianzuala and Indumathi Kathiresan

Mumbai City FC winger Lallianzuala Chhangte was named the Best Men's Player of the Year while Tamil Nadu's Indumathi Kathiresan received the Best Women's Player of the Year award at the All India Football Federation (AIFF) annual awards ceremony.



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Q74. Who became the first Indian driver to win a Formula 2 race at the Hungarian Grand Prix?

(a) Jehan Daruvala
 (b) Kush Maini
 (c) Arjun Maini
 (d) Narain Karthikeyan

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Ans74. (b) Kush Maini

Kush Maini recorded his first Formula 2 win at the Hungarian Grand Prix after Richard Verschoor, the original winner of the sprint race, was disqualified for a technical infringement. This was Maini's fifth podium of the season, taking him to eighth in the championship standings. Different tyre strategies were used during the race due to the cold temperatures.



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Q75. Who became the first female racer to win a race in the Rotax Challenge International Trophy?

a) Alfie Mair
 b) Austin Oman
 c) Atiqa Mir
 d) Joshua Cook

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Ans75. (c) Atiqa Mir

- Nine-year-old racer from Srinagar, Atiqa Mir created history by winning the RMCIT-Rotax Challenge International Trophy at the Le Mans Kart International Circuit.
- She became the first woman to win this trophy. Atiqa achieved this feat by winning two heats in the Micro Max category.
- The RMCIT-Rotax Max Challenge is a major international race meet attended by 318 drivers from 40 countries.



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Q76. Who will receive the Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee in 2024?

(a) Abhinav Bindra
(b) Mary Kom
(c) Neeraj Chopra
(d) P.V. Sindhu

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Ans76. (a) Abhinav Bindra

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has announced to confer the prestigious Olympic Order on Abhinav Bindra, India's first individual Olympic gold medalist.
- The honour will be conferred on Bindra during the 142nd IOC Session to be held in Paris on August 10, 2024.



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Q77. Which female Indian cricketer surpassed Smriti Mandhana to become the highest T20 run scorer for India?

(a) Jemima Rodrigues
(b) Harmanpreet Kaur
(c) Shefali Verma
(d) Richa Ghosh

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Ans77. (b) Harmanpreet Kaur

- Harmanpreet Kaur surpassed Smriti Mandhana to become the highest run scorer for India in women's T20 international cricket.
- This feat was achieved during the Women's Asia Cup T20 match against UAE in Dambulla on 21 July.



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Q78. When will National Income Tax Day 2024 be celebrated?

(a) 1 July 2024
 (b) 24 July 2024
 (c) 15 August 2024
 (d) 30 September 2024

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Ans78. (b) 24 July 2024

- National Income Tax Day is celebrated on 24 July, commemorating the introduction of the concept of income tax by Sir James Wilson in 1860.
- The day highlights the historical development of the Indian income tax system.
- The first law of income tax came into force in 1922 and was further strengthened by the Central Board of Revenue Act in 1924.

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Q79. Oscar Piastri won his first Formula 1 title in which Grand Prix?

(a) Monaco Grand Prix
 (b) Italian Grand Prix
 (c) Hungarian Grand Prix
 (d) British Grand Prix

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Ans79. (c) Hungarian Grand Prix

- Oscar Piastri won his first F1 title in the Hungarian Grand Prix.
- He is competing in Formula One for McLaren. Piastri graduated from karting to Junior Formula in 2016 and won his first championship in the 2019 Formula Renault Eurocup.
- He became the sixth driver in history to win the 2020 FIA Formula 3 and 2021 Formula 2 Championships consecutively with Prema Racing.

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Q80. Where will the Paris Olympics opening ceremony be held in France?

(a) Champs-Elysees
(b) Eiffel Tower
(c) Louvre Museum
(d) Seine River

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Ans80. (b) Seine River

- The opening ceremony of the Paris Olympic Games will take place on July 26 on the banks of the Seine River.
- This will be the first ceremony that will be held outside the stadium.
- The traditional parade of athletes will take place in boats along the Seine River.
- Around 100 boats will carry around 10,500 athletes along the Seine River.



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- Tripura
- Sikkim

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Q81. Which organisation has launched the first of the two advanced frigates being built for the Indian Navy, the advanced frigate 'Triput'?

(a) Goa Shipyard Limited
(b) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
(c) Cochin Shipyard Limited
(d) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

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Ans81. (a) Goa Shipyard Limited

MARITIME INDIA POST INDEPENDENCE

- With the partition of India, post-independence, the Royal Indian Navy was divided into the Royal Indian Navy and the Royal Pakistan Navy. On 22 April 1958, Vice Admiral R D Katari, become the first Indian Naval Officer to take over as the Chief of the Naval Staff of Indian Navy.
- Two-thirds of the Royal Indian Navy's asset remained with India and balance went to Pakistan Navy. On 15 August 1947, Rear Admiral JTS Hall, RIN, was appointed as India's first Flag Officer Commanding Royal Indian Navy.
- With India becoming a Republic on 26 January 1950, the prefix 'Royal' was dropped and it was rechristened as the Indian Navy.
- On 26 January 1950, the Crown of the Royal Indian Navy's Crest was replaced by Ashoka Lion Motif for Indian Navy's Emblem.
- The invocation to Lord Varuna (The Sea God) in the Vedas was adopted by Indian Navy for its emblem, with the Motto: "Sam no Varunah", meaning: "Be auspicious unto us Oh Varuna".
- The inscription of "Satyamev Jayate" below the State Emblem was included in the Indian Navy's Crest.

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Q82. Which city has been selected to host the 2034 Winter Olympics and Paralympics?

(a) Vancouver
(b) Salt Lake City
(c) Oslo
(d) Munich

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Ans82. (b) Salt Lake City

Salt Lake City, located in the state of Utah in the United States, has received the honour of hosting the 2034 Winter Olympics and Paralympic Games.

Indian Medal Winners at Paris Olympics 2024		
Indian athletes	Medal	Event
Manu Bhaker	Bronze	Women's 10m air pistol event
Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh	Bronze	10m air pistol mixed team event
Swapnil Kusale	Bronze	Men's 50m rifle 3 positions
Indian hockey team	Bronze	Men's hockey
Neeraj Chopra	Silver	Men's Javelin Throw
Aman Sehrawat	Bronze	Wrestling Men's 57kg freestyle event

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Q83. Indian Army contingent of 40 personnel, including a woman officer and two women soldiers, departed for Multinational Military Exercise Khan Quest in _____ (27 July - 9 August 2024).

(a) Iraq
(b) Jordan
(c) Mongolia
(d) United Arab Emirates

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Ans83. (c) Mongolia

- Indian Army contingent today departed for Multinational Military Exercise Khan Quest, which will be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 27 July to 9 August 2024.
- The exercise is aimed at enhancing peacekeeping capabilities by uniting military forces from across the world.
- The last edition of Khan Quest was held in Mongolia in June-July 2023.



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Q84. Where did Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurate India's 500th community radio station 'Apna Radio 90.0 FM'?

(a) Aizawl
(b) New Delhi
(c) Mumbai
(d) Chennai

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Ans84. (a) Aizawl

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated India's 500th community radio station 'Apna Radio 90.0 FM' in Aizawl, which is an important milestone in the government's 'Act East' policy.
- The inauguration marks a significant achievement in the field of community radio. Winners in various categories were announced at the recently held 10th National Community Radio Awards.

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Q85. Who has been unanimously re-elected as a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) from India?

(a) Mary Kom
(b) Jai Shah
(c) PV Sindhu
(d) Nita Ambani

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Ans85. (d) Nita Ambani

- Indian sports administrator Nita Ambani was unanimously re-elected as a member during the 142nd session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) held in Paris.
- She received 100 percent support in the voting.
- Nita Ambani expressed her happiness and honor on being re-elected as an IOC member and thanked IOC President Thomas Bach and other colleagues.

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Q86. Hamzah Haz, who died recently, was the Vice President of which country?

(a) Maldives
(b) Indonesia
(c) Malaysia
(d) Philippines

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Ans86. (b) Indonesia

- Former Vice President of Indonesia Hamzah Haz died at the age of 84. He served as Vice President under President Megawati Sukarnoputri from 2001 to 2004.
- He died on 24 July in Jakarta. Hamzah Haz also played important roles as Minister of Investment and Coordinating Minister of People's Welfare and was a contender in the 2004 presidential election.



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Q87. What is the mascot of Paris 2024 Olympic Games?

(a) Eagles
(b) Freges
(c) Olympus
(d) Zeus

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Ans87. (c) Freges

- The official mascot for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games has been announced as "Phrygians", inspired by traditional Phrygian hats.
- These hats symbolize French freedom and identity and are deeply rooted in France's cultural heritage.
- The first glimpse of the mascot was unveiled on 14 November 2022, and these hats will serve to bring a historic and playful spirit to Paris 2024.



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Q88. Who has taken over as the Chairman of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) for 2024-25?

(a) Narendra Modi
(b) Amit Shah
(c) Rajendra Singh
(d) S. Somnath

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Ans88. (c) Rajendra Singh

- India took over as Chair of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) for 2024-25, playing a pivotal role in global and regional [Disaster Risk Reduction \(DRR\)](#).
- ADPC is an **autonomous international organisation** focused on disaster risk reduction and climate resilience in Asia and the [Pacific region](#).
- It was founded by **India and eight neighboring countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.**
- ADPC operates as an autonomous international organisation governed by the Board of Trustees, with **headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand** and sub-centers in operational countries.

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Q89. Who is known as the Missile Man of India?

(a) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
(b) Vikram Sarabhai
(c) Homi Jahangir Bhabha
(d) K. Kasturirangan

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Ans89. (a) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

- Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, popularly known as the "Missile Man of India", is a key icon of India's scientific and technological heritage.
- He was born on 15 October 1931 in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu. After graduating in Physics from St. Joseph's College and further studies from Madras Institute of Technology, he played key roles in the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

IGMDP (Integrated Guided Missile Development Program)

- It was conceived by **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam** to enable India attain self-sufficiency in field of missile technology. It was approved by **Government of India in 1983** and **completed in March 2012**.
- The **5 missiles (P-A-T-N-A)** developed under this program are:
 - Prithvi: Short range **surface to surface** ballistic missile.
 - Agni: **Ballistic missiles** with different ranges, i.e. Agni (1,2,3,4,5)
 - Trishul: Short range low level **surface to air missile**.
 - Nag: 3rd generation **anti-tank missile**.
 - Akash: Medium range **surface to air missile**.

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Q90. Which date was celebrated as the 85th Foundation Day of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?

(a) 25 July
(b) 27 July
(c) 26 July
(d) 28 July

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Ans90. (b) 27 July

- The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is India's largest central armed police force, which works under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- It was established on 27 July 1939 as "Crown Representatives Police" and was renamed CRPF after the independence of India.
- Its foundation day is celebrated every year on 27 July.

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Q91. Which country won the Women's Asia Cup title in 2024?

(a) India
(b) Bangladesh
(c) Sri Lanka
(d) Pakistan

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Ans91. (c) Sri Lanka

- Sri Lanka has created history by winning the Women's Asia Cup 2024 title. In the final, Sri Lanka defeated India by 8 wickets.
- Batting first, India scored 165 runs for 6 wickets in 20 overs, with Smriti Mandhana scoring 60 runs, Richa Ghosh scoring 30 runs and Jemima Rodrigues scoring 29 runs. Sri Lanka won by scoring 167 runs for 2 wickets in 18.4 overs.



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Q92. International Tiger Day is observed on which date every year?

(a) 10 June
(b) 29 July
(c) 15 August
(d) 2 October

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Ans92. (b) 29 July

- **International Tiger Day** is celebrated every year on **29th July**, to raise awareness about the magnificent yet endangered animal.
- The day is a reminder of the **collective effort of 13 tiger range countries** to double the wild tigers' population by 2022 through the **TX2 global goal**.
- The TX2 goal is a global commitment to double the world's wild tigers by 2022.
- The goal has been set by the **World Wildlife Fund (WWF)** through the Global Tiger Initiative, **Global Tiger Forum** and other critical platforms.
- The day was first **established in 2010 at the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit**.
- The main aim is to **urge the international community to intensify efforts for wildlife protection** through expanding protected areas, promoting sustainable livelihoods, and maintaining sufficient forest area in tiger roaming nations.

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Q93. Who is the first Indian woman shooter to win a medal in the Olympics?

(a) Gagan Narang
(b) Suma Shirur
(c) Heena Sidhu
(d) Manu Bhaker

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Ans93. (d) Manu Bhaker

- Manu Bhaker has created history by winning the bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol event at the Paris 2024 Olympics.
- This is India's first Olympic medal at Paris 2024 and the first Olympic medal in shooting since London 2012.
- Manu shot 580 in the qualification round and won the bronze medal in the final.
- The gold and silver medals were won by Oh Ye Jin and Kim Yeji of South Korea.



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Q94. Recently, who among the following from Asian Region has been named the winner of **GBP 5,000 Commonwealth Short Story Prize 2024 in London?**

(a) Arundhati Roy
 (b) Ajay Patri
 (c) Sanjana Thakur
 (d) Bharath Kumar

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Ans94. (c) Sanjana Thakur

- Sanjana Thakur, a 26-year-old writer from Mumbai, India, won the 2024 Commonwealth Short Story Prize for her short story "Aishwarya Rai".
- She beat out over 7,359 other entrants from around the world to win the £5,000 prize.



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Q95. Recently, Ministry of Mines has launched ‘Scheme for Partial Reimbursement of Exploration Expenses for Holders of Exploration Licences (EL)**’. This scheme offers a 50 percent reimbursement on expenses incurred during the exploration of critical minerals, with a maximum cap of ____.**

(a) Rs 10 crore (b) Rs 15 crore
 (c) Rs 20 crore (d) Rs 25 crore

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Ans95. (c) Rs 20 crore

- The Scheme for Partial Reimbursement of Exploration Expenses for Holders of Exploration Licences (EL) is a program that reimburses up to 50% of exploration expenses for critical minerals.
- The scheme was launched on June 24, 2024 by the Indian government.
- The scheme is funded by the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) fund.

S. No.	Critical Minerals	Major Applications	Availability in India
1.	Antimony	Flame retardants, Lead-acid batteries, Lead alloys, Plastics (catalysts and stabilizers), Glass and ceramics	No proved reserves and only inferred reserves are available in Lahul & Spiti districts of Himachal Pradesh. It is obtained commonly as a by-product in lead zinc-silver smelting by Hindustan Zinc Limited .
2.	Beryllium	Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	Not available. Current requirements are made through imports.
3.	Bismuth	Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Casting of Iron	Not available. Current requirements are made through imports.
4.	Cadmium	Manufacture of electrical equipment, Chemical products, Solar cells , Electroplating, and Silver soldering	Cadmium is recovered as a by-product during zinc smelting and refining.
5.	Cobalt	Electric Vehicles (EVs) , Batteries, corrosion resistant alloys, Aerospace applications, Pigments and Dyes, Organic and inorganic chemical compounds.	Not available. Current requirements are made through imports.

6.	Copper	Electrical and electronics products, Electrical Wiring, Solar Panel, Automotive industry .	Current copper concentrate production meets only 4% of the demand for copper smelters and refineries, requiring substantial imports.
7.	Gallium	Semiconductors, Integrated Circuits , LEDs, Specialized thermometers, Barometric sensors .	Gallium is recovered as a by-product while producing alumina. Two plants, namely, HINDALCO at Renukoot, Uttar Pradesh and NALCO Damanjodi alumina refinery, Odisha, had recovered Gallium in the past.
8.	Germanium	Optical fibers , Satellites , Solar cells, Infrared night vision systems .	Not available. Current requirements are made through imports.
9.	Graphite	Batteries, Lubricants , Fuel cells for EVs, Electric Vehicle	9 million tonnes reserves exist.
10.	Hafnium	Superalloy, Catalyst precursor, Semiconductors , Nuclear reactors.	Normally, all Zirconium compounds contain between 1.4% and 3% hafnium. Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL) and Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd (KMML) are involved in production of Zircon.
11.	Indium	Electronics (Laptops, LED Monitors/TVs, Smartphones), and semiconductors .	Not available. Current requirements are made through imports.
12.	Lithium	Electric Vehicle, Rechargeable batteries , Glassware, Ceramics, Fuel manufacturing, Lubricant.	lithium-inferred resources of 5.9 million tonnes in the Salal-Haimana area of the Reasi district in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
13.	Molybdenum	Steel alloys, Lubricants, Medical field, Electrical and Electronics.	Mineable reserves are available in Harur of Tamil Nadu State.

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14.	Niobium	Metal alloys (steel), Jet engines, Rockets, Construction beams, Oil rigs and pipelines, Superconducting magnets, MRI scanners, Nuclear power plants .	Not available. Current requirements are made through imports.
15.	Nickel	Stainless steel, Solar panels , Batteries, Aerospace, Defence applications and Electric Vehicle .	Vedanta has a nickel and cobalt plant at Goa named NICOMET .
16.	Platinum Group Elements (PGE)	Jewelry, Medicine (pacemakers, chemotherapy), Electronic equipment used by military, Optical fibers , LCDs, Turbine blades	Nilgiri, Boula Nuasahi and Sukinda areas in Odisha. Hanumalpur a area in Shimoga schist belt of Karnataka.
17.	Phosphorous	Mineral fertilizer, Detergents, Food additives, Animal Feed, Rust removers, Corrosion preventers	Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh.
18.	Potash	Chemical fertilizers, Water softener, Road de-icing, pH adjustment , Explosives.	Nagaur (Rajasthan), Panna (Madhya Pradesh), Sonbhadra & Chitrakoot (Uttar Pradesh)
19.	Rare Earth Elements (REE)	Permanent magnets, Catalyst, Polishing, Batteries, Electronics, Defence technologies, Wind energy sector, Aviation and Space	Resource estimate of Monazite from beach sand in India is 11.93 Mt having 55%-65% of rare earth oxides.
20.	Rhenium	Super-alloys , Aerospace, Catalysts in petroleum industry	Not available. Current requirements are made through imports.
21.	Selenium	Pigments for ceramics, paint and plastics, Useful in photocells, solar cells and photocopiers, Additive to make stainless steel	Not available. Current requirements are made through imports
22.	Silicon	Semiconductors , Electronics and transport equipment, Paints, Aluminum alloys	India reported production of 59000 metric tonnes of silicon and ranks 12th in production as per 2022 data
23.	Strontium	Alloys of aluminum, Pigments and Fillers, Glass,	Not available. Current requirements are made through imports.

24.	Tantalum	Capacitors , Superalloys, Carbides, Medical technology	Not available. Current requirements are made through imports
25.	Tellurium	Solar power, Thermoelectric devices, Rubber vulcanising	Not available. Current requirements are made through imports
26.	Tin	Lead acid batteries , Metal Packaging, Solders, Home decor	Produced in the form of concentrates and metal in Chhattisgarh
27.	Titanium	Color pigments in paint, Plastics, and paper, Metal alloys (aluminum, steel, molybdenum), Aircraft, Spacecraft, Missiles and rockets, Non Corrosive pipes , Ship and submarine hulls	Coastal districts of Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Kerala, Gujarat and Maharashtra
28.	Tungsten	Production of hard materials like high penetration alloy for weaponry, rockets, missiles, Cutting tools (tungsten carbide), Filament wires, Electrodes and Super alloys, Oil and gas drilling	Not available. Current requirements are made through imports
29.	Vanadium	Metal alloys (steel), Military armor plating , Nuclear reactor components, Manufacturing of superconducting magnets	Total estimated reserves of vanadium ore as on 1.4.2015 are placed at 24.63 million tones.
30.	Zircon	Good nuclear fuel-rod cladding metal , Re-entry vehicles and coatings in jet engines, Used in heat shield in space shuttles	Obtained as a by-product during the beneficiation of heavy mineral sands in Manavalakurichi in Tamil Nadu .

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Q96. Recently, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced revised South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Currency Swap framework for 2024-27. As per the framework, a separate Indian Rupee (INR) Swap window has been introduced worth ₹, to provide various concessions for swap support in INR.

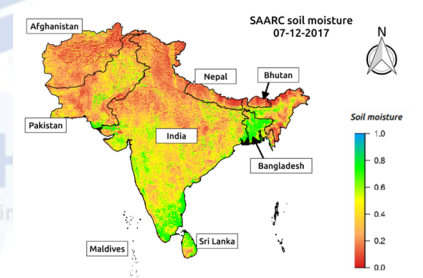
(a) Rs 250 billion (b) Rs 150 billion
 (c) Rs 300 billion (d) Rs 200 billion

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Ans102. (a) Rs 250 billion

- The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) was established with the signing of the SAARC Charter in Dhaka on 8 December 1985.
- The Headquarters and Secretariat of the Association are at Kathmandu, Nepal.



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Q97. Recently, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has launched a blogsite meant to serve as a digital platform to showcase the voice of Indian farmers. What is the name of this platform?

(a) Krishi Sahayak platform
(b) Krishi Khataa platform
(c) Krishi Katha platform
(d) Krishi Sakshar platform

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Ans97. (c) Krishi Katha platform

Krishi Katha Platform

- It showcases the voice of the Indian farmers, dedicated to amplifying the experiences, insights and success stories of farmers across the country.
- It aims to provide a **comprehensive and immersive storytelling** space where the narratives of India's agricultural community can be shared and celebrated.
- The objectives behind this initiative will be helpful in **raising awareness**, facilitating exchange of knowledge, fostering collaboration and empowering farmers.

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Q98. Recently, International Monetary Fund (IMF) has released an Artificial Intelligence Preparedness Index (AIPI) Dashboard. Which of the following countries has topped the index?

(a) United States
(b) Singapore
(c) Denmark
(d) Netherlands

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Ans98. (b) Singapore

Artificial Intelligence Preparedness Index (AIPI)

- It assesses the level of AI preparedness across 174 countries.
- The rating for each country is given based on the assessment of readiness in four key areas - **digital infrastructure, human capital and labour market policies, innovation and economic integration, and regulation and Ethics.**
- The Index has categorised each country into **Advanced Economy (AE), Emerging Market Economy (EM), and Low-Income Country (LIC).**
 - Singapore (0.80), Denmark (0.78), and the United States (0.77) are among the highest-rated AEs,
 - India categorised as an EM with a 0.49 rating. India ranks 72 in a total of 174 countries, with Bangladesh (0.38) on 113, Sri Lanka (0.43) on 92, and China (0.63) on 31.

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Q99. As per recently released 'Global Liveability Index 2024', Vienna has become the most liveable city for third consecutive year. This index is released by which of the following organisation?

(a) World Economic Forum
(b) Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)
(c) World Bank
(d) V-Dem Institute

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Ans99. (b) Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)

Indian City in The Index

- The report notably features **five Indian cities. Delhi and Mumbai are tied at the 141st rank with a score of 60.2 out of 100, followed by Chennai (59.9), Ahmedabad (58.9), and Bengaluru (58.7) in the index.**

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Q100. As per recent information, INS Shivalik will take part in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise. This exercise will be conducted at which of the following places?

(a) Alaska (b) Hawaii
(c) Nevada (d) Florida

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Ans100. (b) Hawaii

Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise

- It is the world's largest **international maritime exercise**, being held in **Hawaii**.
- It is aimed at **enhancing interoperability** and building trust among the navies of friendly foreign countries.
- It is being held under the theme of **Partners: Integrated and Prepared**, which runs until August 1.
- It is **led by the US Navy**, approx **29 countries are participating** in the current edition of the multi-dimensional exercise.

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