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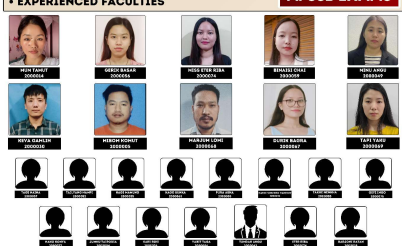
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Q1. Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated World's first Vedic clock 'Vikramaditya Vedic Clock' based on the Indian 'Panchang' (almanack) in which of the following cities?

- a) Ujjain
- b) Jaipur
- c) Varanasi
- d) Bhopal


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Ans1. (a) Ujjain
Vikramaditya Vedic Clock

- It is the world's first 'Vedic Clock', designed to display time according to the ancient Indian traditional Panchang (time calculation system).
- In addition to this, it also indicates Indian Standard Time (IST) and Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).
- The clock will calculate time from one sunrise to another.
 - The period between the two sunrises will be divided into 30 parts, whose one hour consists of 48 minutes, according to ISD.
 - The reading will start from 0:00 with the sunrise functions for 30 hours (an hour of 48 minutes).
- It has been developed by Lucknow-based Sanstha Arohan, using digital interventions, enabling it to be connected to the internet and provide a wide range of features through a mobile app named after the clock.

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Q2. What is the rank of India in the recently released International IP Index for 2024 by US Chamber of Commerce?

a) 39th
 b) 40th
 c) 41st
 d) 42nd

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Ans2. (d) 42nd

International IP Index


- The Index evaluates the IP framework in each economy across 50 unique indicators which industry believes represent economies with the most effective IP systems.

Intellectual Property

- Intellectual Property (IP)** refers to creations of the mind, such as inventions, literary and artistic works, symbols, names, and images used in commerce.
- It is a form of legal protection in the form of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) given to individuals or companies for their creative and innovative works.
- These rights are outlined in Article 27 of the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#).

Rank	Country	Score
1	United States	(95.48%)
2	United Kingdom	(94.12%)
3	France	(93.12%)
4	Germany	(92.46%)
5	Sweden	(92.12%)
6	Japan	(91.26%)
7	Netherlands	(91.24%)
8	Ireland	(89.38%)
9	Spain	(86.44%)
10	Switzerland	(85.98%)

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Q3. Recently, new Airstrip and St. James Jetty along with six community development projects have been inaugurated at the Agalega Island. It is in which of the following countries?

a) Maldives
 b) Mauritius
 c) Comoros
 d) D. Oman

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Ans3. (b) Mauritius

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Q4. Recently, Ministry of Education has launched the **SWAYAM Plus Platform. It will be operated by which of the following institutions?**

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- a) Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad
- b) Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad
- c) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- d) Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara

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Ans4. (c) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras

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- [SWAYAM](#), the [Massive Open Online Course \(MOOC\)](#) platform providing educational opportunities for a vast number of learners, was launched by the Ministry of Education in 2017.
- Aligned with [NEP 2020](#), SWAYAM Plus now offers industry-relevant courses to boost employability, with features like multilingual content, [AI guidance](#), credit recognition, and pathways to [employment](#), developed in collaboration with companies like L&T, Microsoft, CISCO, and others.

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Q5. Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the **Honorary Knighthood (Knight Commander) by King Charles III of the United Kingdom?**

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- a) Anil Agarwal
- b) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- c) Sunil Bharti Mittal
- d) Mukesh Ambani

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Ans5. (c) Sunil Bharti Mittal



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Q6. Recently, Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the establishment of **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) with a one-time budgetary support of how much amount?**

a) Rs 50 crore
b) Rs 100 crore
c) Rs 150 crore
d) Rs 200 crore

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Ans6. (c) Rs 150 crore



International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)

- The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) is a global alliance that aims to conserve the world's seven main big cats.
- It will provide a platform for the member nations to share knowledge and expertise and extend support to recovery efforts in potential habitats.
- Aim: To work towards the protection and conservation of the seven major big cats — tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, puma, jaguar and cheetah.
- HQ: India

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Q7. Recently, Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, has approved **PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana with a total outlay of how much amount?**

a) Rs.75,021 crore
b) Rs.70,081 crore
c) Rs.79,023 crore
d) Rs.78,034 crore

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Ans7. (a) Rs.75,021 crore

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CABINET DECISION 29th FEBRUARY, 2024

PM-Surya Char Muft Bijli Vojana

Cabinet approves scheme for installing rooftop solar and providing free electricity up to 300 units every month for One Crore households

- ◊ Total outlay of ₹ 75,021 crore
- ◊ Scheme provides a central financial assistance of
 - ₹ 30,000 subsidy for 1 kW system
 - ₹ 60,000 for 2 kW systems
 - ₹ 78,000 for 3 kW systems or higher
- ◊ Households will apply for subsidy through national portal and can select suitable vendor for installing rooftop solar
- ◊ Households can access collateral-free low-interest loan products of around 7% at present for installation
- ◊ Model Solar Village to be developed in each district to act as role model for adoption of rooftop solar in rural areas

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Q8. Recently, which of the following organizations has conducted successful flight tests of Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missile from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur?

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- a) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- b) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- c) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- d) Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)

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Ans8. (d) Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)

Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS)

- VSHORADS is a fourth-generation Man Portable Air Defence System (MANPAD) specially designed to counter low-altitude aerial threats over short distances.
- These are short-range, lightweight, and portable surface-to-air missiles that can be fired by individuals or small groups.
- It has been designed and developed indigenously by DRDO's Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad, in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories and Indian industry partners.



Sikkim

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Q9. According to the recently released Status of Leopards in India 2022 report, which of the following states has largest population of leopards?

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- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Karnataka
- d) Tamil Nadu

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Ans9. (a) Madhya Pradesh

1. Population Estimate:
 a. India's leopard population is **estimated at 13,874**, showing stability compared to the previous count. The numbers **rose by 8%** from **12,852 in 2018** to 13,874 in 2022.
 b. However, **this only covers 70% of leopard habitat**, with the **Himalayas** and **semi-arid regions not included in the survey**.

2. Region-wise Trends– In Central India, the leopard population remains stable or shows slight growth, whereas in the **Shivalik hills** and **Gangetic plains**, there is a **decline in population**.



3. State-wise distribution:
 a. The highest number of leopards were reported in **Madhya Pradesh (3,907)**, followed by **Maharashtra (1,985)**, Karnataka (1,879) and Tamil Nadu (1,070).
 b. The tiger reserves or locations with the highest leopard populations include **Nagarajunasagar Srisailem** in Andhra Pradesh, **followed by Panna** and Satpura in Madhya Pradesh.

4. Survey Methodology– The study targeted forested habitats **across 18 states** with tiger populations, employing foot surveys and camera traps. It captured over 4,70,81,881 photographs, resulting in 85,488 images of leopards.

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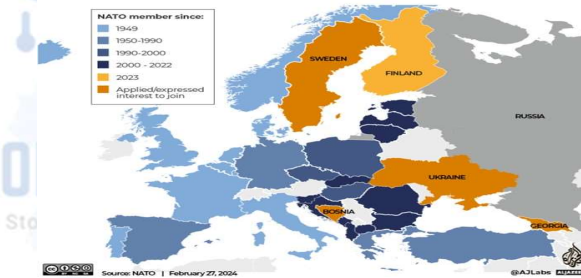
Q10 Recently, Hungary's parliament has voted to ratify Sweden's bid to join North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). With Sweden's inclusion, NATO will have total how many members?



a) 33
 b) 32
 c) 31
 d) 30

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Ans10. (b) 32

NATO's European expansion
 NATO was founded in 1949 by 12 nations. It has since grown to 31 members, with Sweden now expected to become the 32nd member. Three other countries, including Ukraine, Georgia and Bosnia, have expressed their interest in joining the alliance.




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Q11. Recently, the third edition of the Naval Exercise "Samudra Laksamana" was held at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh between India and which of the following countries?

a) Thailand
 b) Vietnam
 c) Malaysia
 d) Singapore

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Ans11. (c) Malaysia



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Q12. Recently, which of the following universities topped the medal tally in the 4th Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2023?

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a) Jain University, Bengaluru
b) Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar
c) Punjab University, Chandigarh
d) Chandigarh University

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Ans12. (d) Chandigarh University

Top 5 on KIUG 2023 Medal Tally:

Rank	University	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Chandigarh University (Chandigarh)	32	18	21	71
2	Lovely Professional University(Punjab)	20	14	8	42
3	Guru Nanak Dev University(Punjab)	12	20	19	51
4	Punjab University (Chandigarh)	12	12	16	40
5	Jain University (Karnataka)	12	7	6	25

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Q13. Recently, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Indian Oil Limited's Haldia-Barauni Crude Oil Pipeline. What is its total length?

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a) 320 Km
b) 267 Km
c) 518 Km
d) 984 Km

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Ans13. (c) 518 Km

- The Haldia-Barauni Crude Oil Pipeline is a 518 km long onshore pipeline operated by Indian Oil that runs from West Bengal to Bihar, passing through Jharkhand.
- The pipeline supplies crude oil to the Barauni Refinery, Bongaigaon Refinery, and Guwahati Refinery in a safe, cost-efficient, and environmentally friendly manner.



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Crude Oil and LPG Pipelines of India



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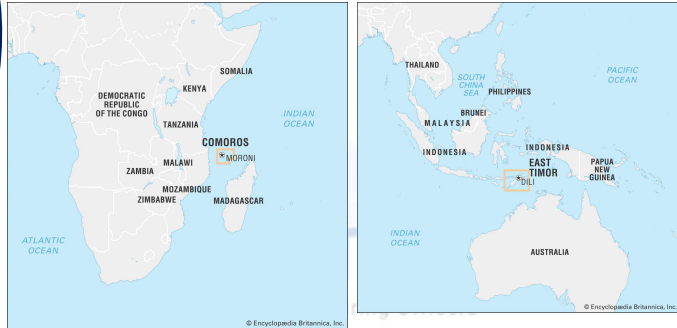
Q14. Recently, Trade Ministers at the 13th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC13) in Abu Dhabi, UAE, have approved the World Trade Organization (WTO) membership for Comoros and Timor-Leste. With their accession, WTO will have total how many members?

- 165
- 166
- 167
- 168

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Ans14. (b) 166



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WTO

- The World Trade Organization (WTO) is the only global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations. At its heart are the WTO agreements, negotiated and signed by the bulk of the world's trading nations and ratified in their parliaments.
- The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) traces its origins to the **1944 Bretton Woods Conference**, which laid the foundations for the post-World War II financial system and established two key institutions, the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** and the **World Bank**.
- **The Uruguay Round**, conducted from **1987 to 1994**, culminated in the **Marrakesh Agreement**, which established the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland

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Q15. Recently, which of the following countries has become the first Spanish speaking nation in the world to recognise Indian Pharmacopoeia standards?

- Argentina
- Mexico
- Bolivia
- Nicaragua

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Ans15. (d) Nicaragua

Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission

- It is an autonomous Institution of the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**, Govt. of India.
 - It is created to set **standards of drugs** in the country.
- Functions:**
- Its basic function is to **update regularly** the standards of drugs commonly required for treatment of diseases prevailing in this region.
 - It publishes official documents for improving **Quality of Medicines** by way of adding new and updating existing monographs in the form of Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP).
 - It further promotes rational **use of generic medicines** by publishing National Formulary of India.
 - It prescribes standards for identity, purity and strength of drugs essentially required from the health care perspective of human beings and animals.
 - It also **provides IP Reference Substances (IPRS)** which act as a fingerprint for identification of an article under test and its purity as prescribed in IP.

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Q16. Recently, which of the following countries has won the Turkish Women's Cup 2024 Football Tournament?

- India
- Kosovo
- Estonia
- Hong Kong

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Ans16. (b) Kosovo

- India has been on the side of Serbia in the Kosovo-Serbia Conflict.
- Several countries, including Mexico, Brazil, China, India, and Brazil, do not recognize Kosovo.



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Q17. Recently, the Indian Navy has commissioned the newly inducted **MH 60R Seahawk multi-role helicopter as “INAS 334” at which of the following places?**

- Assam
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Tripura
- Sikkim

- INS Baaz, Andaman and Nicobar
- INS Hansa, Goa
- INS Shikra, Mumbai
- INS Garuda, Kochi

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Ans17. (d) INS Garuda, Kochi

Quick Facts:

- Mission Areas: Anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, search and rescue and logistics (vertical replenishment, personnel transfer, etc.)
- Weapons Capability:
 - MK 46, MK 50, and MK 64 torpedos
 - AGM-114 Hellfire missiles
 - GAU-21 30-caliber automatic machine gun
 - M240 machine gun
 - Date deployed: 2008
- 64 feet, 10 inches long by 17 feet high
- Max airspeed of 180 knots



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Q18. Recently, which of the following teams has won the 10th edition of the **Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) 2023-2024?**

- Assam
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Tripura
- Sikkim

- Puneri Paltan
- Haryana Steelers
- Dabang Delhi
- Jaipur Pink Panthers

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Ans18. (a) Puneri Paltan



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Q19. Recently, sub-inspector **Suman Kumari has become the first women sniper of which of the following security forces?**

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a) Border Security Force (BSF)
b) Indian Army
c) National Security Guard (NSG)
d) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

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Ans19. (a) 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 \(SSB\)](#).
- It is deployed on the Indo-Pakistan International Border, Indo-Bangladesh International Border, and [Line of Control \(LoC\)](#) along with the Indian Army and in [Anti-Naxal Operations](#).
- BSF has been defending [Sir Creek](#) in the Arabian Sea and [the Sundarbans delta in the Bay of Bengal](#) with its state of the art fleet of Water Crafts.
- It contributes dedicated services to the [UN peacekeeping Mission](#) by sending a large contingent of its trained manpower every year.



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Q20. Recently, silver filigree (Rupa Tarakasi**) from which of the following states has received the geographical indication (GI) tag?**

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a) West Bengal
b) Odisha
c) Rajasthan
d) Uttar Pradesh

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Ans20. (b) Odisha

Rupa Tarakasi

- It is one of the most exquisite silver crafts.
- This centuries-old, sophisticated craft is practiced in the silver city of Cuttack, Odisha.

Origin:

- While the exact origin of the filigree art in Cuttack is not clear, it is known to have existed as far back as the 12th century.
- The art form received considerable patronage under the Mughals.
- Over the years, as Cuttack transitioned through the hands of different rulers, the silver filigree took on a new form with each.



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Q21. Recently, Ambaji White Marble from which of the following states has received the GI Tag?

a) Gujarat
b) Rajasthan
c) Odisha
d) Karnataka

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Ans21. (a) Gujarat


Ambaji White Marble:

- It is a type of marble known for its stunning **white appearance** and **unique natural patterns**. It is named after the **town of Ambaji** in the state of **Gujarat**, where it is **predominantly quarried**.
- It is characterized by its **pristine white colour**, which often features **subtle grey or beige veining**.
- It has very **long-lasting shine and durability**.
- The **smooth and polished surface** of the marble adds to its appeal and sophistication.



Marble:



- Marble is a **metamorphic rock** that forms **when limestone is subjected to the heat and pressure** of metamorphism.
- It is **composed primarily of the mineral calcite** (CaCO_3) and usually contains other minerals, such as clay minerals, micas, quartz, pyrite, iron oxides and graphite.

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Pradesh

- Tripura
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Q22. Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Indian Oil Paradip-Hyderabad Product Pipeline. What is its total length?



a) 1110 km
b) 1212 km
c) 1675 km
d) 1438 km

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Ans22. (b) 1212 Km

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PARADIP HYDERABAD PRODUCT PIPELINE PROJECT
Fuelling Odisha

3808 CR. Total Investment

1212 KM Length of Pipeline

4.5 MMTPA Project Capacity

- Ensure increased availability of petroleum products in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- Ensure safe, cheap and eco-friendly transport of petroleum products.
- Will generate direct & indirect job opportunities.

Hyderabad Atchurapuram Dehampur Paradip
Visakhapatnam Bajahmundry

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Q23. Recently, **Gevra coal mine** has been granted environmental clearance to expand production capacity to 70 million tons per annum. It is in which of the following districts of Chhattisgarh?

- Assam
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Tripura
- Sikkim

a) Bilaspur
b) Raipur
c) Korba
d) Balod

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Ans23. (c) Korba

Important Coalfields in Chattisgarh

- Korba Coalfield
- Hasdeo Arand Coalfield
- Mand-Raigarh Coalfield

INDIA Coal Mines

Map showing Coal Mines in India. Key locations marked include Korba, Hasdeo Arand, Mand-Raigarh, and others. The map also shows international and state boundaries.

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Q24. Recently, **India's first National Dolphin Research Center (NDRC)** has been inaugurated in which of the following cities?

- Assam
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Tripura
- Sikkim

a) Ahmedabad
b) Patna
c) Varanasi
d) Chennai

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Ans24. (b) Patna

India's inaugural **National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC)** marks a significant milestone in the conservation efforts for the endangered **Gangetic dolphin (*Platanista gangetica gangetica*)**.

GANGES RIVER DOLPHIN

Platanista gangetica gangetica

National aquatic animal of India

Facts

- Can only live in freshwater; prefer deep water
- Essentially blind; hunts by emitting ultrasonic sound
- Can't breathe in water; must surface every 90-120 seconds for air
- Also called 'susu' because of sound they make while breathing

Habitat & Distribution

- Distributed in Ganges and Brahmaputra River basins of India, Nepal and Bangladesh
- Distribution range in India covers 7 states namely, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

Threats

- Habitat destruction
- Pollution
- Bycatch
- Climate Change
- Hunting

Conservation Efforts

- Project Dolphin (2021):** On lines of project Tiger
- National Dolphin Research Centre (2023):** India's and Asia's First; in Patna University (Bihar)
- Dedicated Dolphin Sanctuary:**
 - Vikramshila sanctuary (Bihar) – 1991
 - Hastinapur sanctuary (UP) – Proposed

Protection Status

- IUCN Red List:** Endangered
- CITES:** Appendix I
- Wildlife Protection Act 1972:** Schedule I

EXAMS of

- Assam
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Tripura
- Sikkim

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Q25. Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **Mono Ethylene Glycol project in Paradip Refinery. It is operated by which of the following companies?**

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- Assam
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Tripura
- Sikkim

a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
b) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
c) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
d) Oil India Limited (OIL)

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Ans25. (b) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)

- Ethylene glycol is a **colourless and odourless alcoholic** compound that can be fatal if consumed.
- It is mostly used as an **automotive antifreeze** and as a raw material for manufacturing **polyester fibres**.

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Q26. Recently, which of the following state governments has announced to introduce 'Sabari K-Rice**' initiative?**

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- Assam
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Tripura
- Sikkim

a) Karnataka
b) Kerala
c) Tamil Nadu
d) Odisha

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Ans26. (b) Kerala

- The Kerala government's decision to introduce 'Sabari K-Rice' is seen as a response to the Union government's distribution of 'Bharat Rice.'

Bharat Rice and Other Commodities

- 'Bharat' Rice refers to the **retail sale of rice by the Food Corporation of India (FCI)** to the general public at a subsidized price.
- Its primary objective is **to stabilize markets** and ensure affordability for consumers.
- This rice is available in **5kg and 10kg** packs priced at **₹29/kg**.
- It is **distributed through cooperatives** such as Kendriya Bhandar, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED), and National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF).
- Additionally, it **can be purchased from mobile vans** and physical outlets of these cooperative agencies.
- Moreover, these agencies also offer '**Bharat Atta**' (wheat flour) at Rs. 27.50 per kg in 5kg and 10kg packs.
- Similarly, '**Bharat Dal**' (chana dal / Chickpea) is available at Rs. 60 per kg for a 1kg pack and Rs. 55 per kg for a 30kg pack, along with onions priced at Rs. 25 per kg.

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Q27. Recently, the Union Ministry of Law and Justice has amended **Conduct of Election Rules 1961 to raise the minimum age for senior citizen postal voting to which of the following?**

a) 80 years
b) 85 years
c) 90 years
d) 65 years

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Ans27. (b) 85 years

- According to the most recent electoral data published on February 8, India boasts a staggering electorate of **96.88 crore**, with **1.85 crore** citizens above the age of 80.
- Under the amended Conduct of Election Rules, 1961**, the definition of "senior citizens" eligible for postal ballot voting has been updated in **Section 27(A) (e)** to include only those above 85 years, replacing the previous threshold of 80 years.

- Postal voting offers a select group of voters the ability to participate in elections remotely.
- This facility is crucial for voters who are unable to physically attend polling stations due to various reasons, including occupational duties, health concerns, or personal circumstances.
- Eligible voters, through postal ballots, can mark their preferences and return the ballot to the election officer before the commencement of vote counting.

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Q28. Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Indian Oil Corporation Limited's **Muzaffarpur - Motihari LPG Pipeline. What is its total length?**

a) 89 km
b) 99 km
c) 109 km
d) 129 km

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Ans28. (c) 109 Km

Prime Minister will inaugurate 109 km long Indian Oil's Muzaffarpur - Motihari LPG Pipeline. It will provide access to cleaner cooking fuel in the state of Bihar and neighbouring country Nepal. Prime Minister will dedicate Indian Oil's LPG Bottling Plant & storage terminal at Motihari.

New pipeline Terminal would also act as a strategic supply point for export of petroleum products to Nepal. It would serve 8 districts of North Bihar i.e. East Champaran, West Champaran, Gopalganj, Siwan, Muzaffarpur, Sheohar, Sitamarhi

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Q29. Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated India's first under-river metro tunnel in which of the following cities?

a) Kochi
b) Mumbai
c) Kolkata
d) Chennai

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- Tripura
- Sikkim

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Ans29. (c) Kolkata

FOOLPROOF TUNNELS & WATERPROOF TRAINS

16.3km East-West Metro has India's first underwater Metro tunnel

Trains will ply 13m below water and 13m below the clay

April To July 2017 River tunnelling completed

Twin tunnels each 520m long, run under the river

TUNNEL

13 M 13 M 15 M

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Q30. Recently, which of the following countries has become the 97th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

a) Russia
b) China
c) Panama
d) Canada

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- Tripura
- Sikkim

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Ans30. (c) Panama




International Solar Alliance (ISA)

- The **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** is an **action-oriented, member-driven, collaborative platform** for increased deployment of **solar energy** technologies.
- Its basic motive is to facilitate **energy access, ensure energy security, and drive energy transition** in its member countries.
- The ISA was conceived as a joint effort by **India and France** to mobilize efforts against **climate change** through deployment of **solar energy solutions**.
- Vision:** Let us together make the sun brighter.
- Mission:** Every home, no matter how far away, will have a light at home.
- Headquarters:** The Headquarters is in India with its Interim Secretariat being set up in **Gurugram**.

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Q31. Recently, Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd (MPVL) has received the ₹55 crore order from the Election Commission of India (ECI) for 26.55 lakh vials of indelible ink. The indelible ink was developed by which of the following organizations?

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- Assam
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Tripura
- Sikkim

a) CSIR-Advanced Materials and Processes Research Institute, Bhopal
b) CSIR-Centre for Cellular Molecular Biology, Hyderabad
c) CSIR-Central Glass Ceramic Research Institute, Kolkata
d) CSIR-National Physical Laboratory of India, Delhi

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Ans31. (d) CSIR-National Physical Laboratory of India, Delhi




Indelible ink:

- It contains **silver nitrate**. It is a **colourless compound** which becomes visible when exposed to **ultraviolet light, including sunlight**. The higher silver nitrate's concentration, the higher will be the ink's quality.
 - For up to 72 hours after application it can remain resistant to soap, liquids, home-cleansing, detergents, etc.
- This water-based ink also contains a solvent like **alcohol to allow its faster drying**. The precise protocol for making this ink including its chemical composition and the quantity of each constituent is, however, not known to many people.
- The indelible ink was first manufactured at the Election Commission of India's request by the government's Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR). **Mysore Paints & Varnish Ltd.** has been licensed to manufacture the ink and has been in the business since 1962.
- It is exported to more than 25 countries that include Canada, Ghana, Nigeria, Mongolia, Malaysia, Nepal, South Africa and the Maldives
- The **Representation of the People Act (RoPA) of 1951 mentions the ink.**
 - Section 61** states that rules may be made under the Act "for the marking with indelible ink of the thumb or any other finger of every elector who applies for a ballot paper or ballot papers for the purpose of voting at a polling station before delivery of such paper or papers to him."

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Q32. Recently, PM Narendra Modi paid respect to Shankaracharya Hill. It is in which of the following cities?

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- Arunachal Pradesh
- Tripura
- Sikkim

a) Shimla
b) Gangtok
c) Srinagar
d) Almora


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Ans32. (c) Srinagar

Shankaracharya Temple




- It is also known as the Jyesteshwara temple or Pas-Pahar by Buddhists. Persians and Jews call it Bagh-i-sulaiman or the Garden of King Solomon. Persian inscriptions are also found inside the temple.
- It is on top of the Shankaracharya Hill (also called Hill of Solomon) on the Zabarwan Mountain in Srinagar, Kashmir.
- The temple is considered as the oldest temple of the valley of Kashmir.



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Q33. Recently, the Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the national-level India AI mission. What is the total outlay under the scheme?

a) Rs. 10,371.92 crore
b) Rs. 14,745.23 crore
c) Rs. 11,234.90 crore
d) Rs. 18,562.58 crore

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Ans33. (a) Rs. 10,371.92 crore

Comprehensive national-level IndiaAI Mission approved

Budget outlay: Rs.10,371.92 crore

- Mission aims to establish a comprehensive ecosystem catalyzing AI innovation through strategic programs and partnerships across the public and private sectors
- Mission will be implemented by 'IndiaAI' Independent Business Division (IBD) under Digital India Corporation (DIC)




Cabinet Decision
Source: GoI



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- Sikkim

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Q34. Recently, which of the following has become the first state to declare man-animal conflict as a 'state-specific disaster'?

a) Tamil Nadu
b) Karnataka
c) Madhya Pradesh
d) Kerala

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Ans34. (d) Kerala

What changes with this decision?

- At present, managing man-animal conflict is the responsibility of the forest department, which acts as per the Wild Life Protection Act.
- Once the issue is declared a state-specific disaster, the onus to deal with it shifts to the **state disaster management authority**, which is powered by the Disaster Management Act and can take **quicker and more decisive action**.

Case Study - Success Story of Kerala in Managing Man-Animal Conflict:

- Kerala had about 5,700 (19% of nationwide population of 30,000 in 2017) **wild elephant** population and elephants killed 2,036 people in India (between 2018-2021) and Kerala accounted for only 81 (4%) of these deaths.
- What has kept man-animal conflicts under control in Kerala?**
 - The **boundaries between wilderness and civilization** have mostly stayed unchanged in recent years.
 - Changes in agriculture practices.** For example, coffee, pepper, and tea plantations, where jumbos have little interest.
 - Jumbos are named from their characteristics.** Kabali, for example, is an elephant who lives in the Athirappally jungle in Thrissur district and is known to attack or chase automobiles.

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Q35. Recently, joint maritime exercise “Sea Defenders-2024” has commenced between India and which of the following countries off the coast of Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

- Australia
- Singapore
- USA
- China

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Ans35. (c) USA



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Q36. Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the “Disruptor of the Year award” in the first-ever National Creators Awards 2024?

- Naman Deshmukh
- Ranveer Allahbadia (BeerBiceps)
- Ankit Baiyanpuria
- Gaurav Chaudhary (Technical Guruji)

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Ans36. (b) Ranveer Allahbadia (BeerBiceps)

National Creators Award 2024: Full list of winners

1. Disruptor of the Year award: Ranveer Allahbadia (BeerBiceps)
2. Best Creator in Education Category (Male & Female): Naman Deshmukh
3. Best Health and Fitness Creator: Ankit Baiyanpuria
4. Best Creator in Food Category: Kabita Singh (Kabita's Kitchen)
5. Celebrity Creator of the Year: Aman Gupta
6. Best Creator in Tech Category: Gaurav Chaudhary (Technical Guruji)
7. Favourite Travel Creator: Kamiya Jani
8. Green Champion Category: Pankhti Pandey
9. Best Storyteller: Keerthika Govindasamy
10. Cultural Ambassador of the Year: Maithili Thakur
11. Most Creative Creator Female: Shraddha Jain (Female); RJ Raunac (Male)
12. Heritage Fashion Icon Award: Jahnvi Singh
13. Best Creator for Social Change Award: Jaya Kishori
14. Best Micro Creator Award: Aridaman
15. Best Creator in Gaming Category Award: Nishchay
16. Swachhta Ambassador Award: Malhar Kalambe
17. Best International Creator Award: Drew Hicks, Kili Paul, Cassandra Mae Spittmann
18. Best Nano Creator Award: Piyush Purohit
19. Most Impactful Agri Creator: Lakshay Dabas
20. The New India Champion Award: Abhi and Niyu

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Q37. Recently, the President of India Droupadi Murmu has awarded the **President's Standard to 45 Squadron and 221 Squadron of the Indian Air Force (IAF). The President's Standard is awarded after how many years of service?**

- a) 15 years
- b) 18 years
- c) 22 years
- d) 25 years

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Ans37. (b) 18 years

- The award of the President's Standard and Colours is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon any military unit, recognizing the exceptional service rendered by the unit to the nation, both during war and in peace.
- The **President's Standard** is awarded after 18 years of service, while the President's Colours are awarded after 25 years of service.

• **President's Standard to 45 Squadron and 221 Squadron of the Indian Air Force (IAF)**

• **President's Colours to 11 Base Repair Depot (BRD) and 509 Signal Unit (SU) of the Indian Air Force (IAF).**

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Q38. Recently, India has been awarded the Measles and Rubella Champion Award by **The Measles and Rubella Partnership. India had set a target to eliminate **Measles and Rubella (MR)** by which of the following years?**

- a) 2023
- b) 2024
- c) 2025
- d) 2026

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Ans38. (a) 2023

Measles:




- It is caused by a **single-stranded, enveloped RNA virus with 1 serotype**. It is classified as a member of the **genus Morbillivirus in the Paramyxoviridae family**.

Rubella:

- It is also called **German Measles**.
- It is caused by the **rubella virus which is an enveloped single-stranded RNA virus**.

Measures to Curb MR

- Measles-Rubella Vaccination:** The MR campaign targets around 41 crore children across the country, the largest ever in any campaign.
 - All children aged between 9 months and less than 15 years are given a single shot of MR vaccination irrespective of their previous measles/rubella vaccination status or measles/rubella disease status.
- Other Initiatives include **Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), Mission Indradhanush and Intensified Mission Indradhanush**.
- The vaccines for the diseases are provided in the form of measles-rubella (MR), measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) or measles-mumps-rubella-varicella (MMRV) combination.

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Q39. Recently, which of the following has become the world's first country to include "Right to Abortion" as a constitutional right?

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- Arunachal Pradesh
- Tripura
- Sikkim

a) Belgium
b) France
c) Germany
d) USA

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Ans39. (b) France

Abortion


- Abortion is the **deliberate termination of a pregnancy**, typically performed during the **first 28 weeks of gestation**. It can be achieved through various medical procedures or medications, depending on the stage of pregnancy and the preferences of the individual seeking abortion.
- Abortion can be a highly contentious and debated topic, often involving ethical, moral, religious, and legal considerations.

Proponents:

- Proponents of abortion rights **argue that it is a fundamental reproductive right** that allows individuals to make choices about their own bodies, health, and future.
- They emphasise the **importance of access to safe and legal abortion services** in preventing unwanted pregnancies, protecting women's health, and supporting reproductive autonomy.

Opponents:

- Opponents of abortion, often referred to as "**pro-life**," believe that **abortion is morally wrong** and should be restricted or prohibited entirely.
- They typically argue that **life begins at conception** and that terminating a pregnancy is equivalent to taking a human life, thus violating the rights of the unborn foetus.

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Legal Provisions Related to Abortion in India:

- Until the 1960s, **abortion was prohibited in India**, and violating this led to imprisonment or fines under **Section 312 of the Indian Penal Code**.
- The **Shantilal Shah Committee was set up in the mid-1960s** to investigate the need for abortion regulations.
- Based on its findings, the **Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, 1971** was enacted, allowing safe and legal abortions, safeguarding women's health, and reducing maternal mortality.
- The Supreme Court recognized **marital rape as a ground for abortion**, even though **marital rape itself is not recognized**, in a progressive move for women's reproductive rights.
- The Constitution of India, which guarantees the **right to life and personal liberty** to all citizens under **Article 21**.
- This right has been interpreted by the Supreme Court of India to **include the right to reproductive choice and autonomy** for women in **Justice K.S. Puttaswamy (Retd.) vs. the Union Of India Case, 2017**.

Time Since Conception	MTP Act, 1971	MTP (Amendment) Act, 2021
Up to 12 weeks	On the advice of one doctor	On advice of one doctor
12 to 20 weeks	On advice of two doctors	On advice of one doctor
20 to 24 weeks	Not allowed	On advice of two doctors for special categories of pregnant women
More than 24 weeks	Not allowed	On advice of medical board in case of substantial fetal abnormality
Any time during the pregnancy	On advice of one doctor, if immediately necessary to save pregnant woman's life	On advice of one doctor, if immediately necessary to save pregnant woman's life

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- Sikkim

Q40. Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Barauni - Guwahati Natural Gas Pipeline (part of Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga Project). What is its total length?

a) 612 Km
b) 718 Km
c) 856 Km
d) 987 Km

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Ans40. (b) 718 Km

Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga Project

- The project is also known as Jagdishpur – Haldia & Bokaro – Dhamra Pipeline Project (JHBDPL) project.
- It was **launched in 2016** and will cater to the **energy requirements of five states** namely Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal.
- This pipeline will **connect six districts in Bihar to the National Gas Grid**. The project will provide **access to clean natural gas for industries, CNG for vehicles and PNG for homes, promoting a sustainable lifestyle**.
- **Total length of pipeline** under Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga Project is **approx. 3,384 km**, out of which 766 km of pipeline is in Odisha state and the balance 2,618 km is in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal & Assam.
- The **seven main station cities** include Varanasi, Patna, Bokaro, Jamshedpur, Kolkata, Ranchi, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack as the major beneficiaries of the project.
- The project is being **implemented by GAIL**.

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Q41. Recently, PM Narendra Modi unveiled the bronze statue of Lachit Borphukan named ‘Statue of Valour’ in Jorhat district, Assam. What is its total height?

a) 111 Feet
b) 125 Feet
c) 171 Feet
d) 234 Feet

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- Arunachal Pradesh

Ans41. (b) 125 Feet

Lachit Borphukan

- Born on 24th November, 1622, **Borphukan was known for his leadership in the Battle of Saraighat, 1671** in which an attempt by Mughal forces to capture Assam was thwarted.
- The battle of Saraighat was fought on the banks of the Brahmaputra in Guwahati in 1671.
- It is considered as one of the greatest naval battles on a river which resulted in the victory of Ahoms over the Mughals.



- He was the **inspiration behind strengthening India's naval force** and revitalising inland water transport and creating infrastructure associated with it due to his great naval strategies.
- The **Lachit Borphukan gold medal is awarded to the best cadet from the National Defence Academy**.
- The medal was instituted in 1999 to inspire defence personnel to emulate Borphukan's heroism and sacrifices.
- He died on 25th April, 1672.

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- Tripura
- Sikkim

Q42. Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **Sela Tunnel project in Arunachal Pradesh. It has been constructed by the Border Roads Organization (BRO) under which of the following projects?**

- a) Project VARTAK
- b) Project HIMANK
- c) Project UDAYAK
- d) Project DANTAK

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Ans42. (a) Project VARTAK

- Sela is the country's **highest tunnel** providing all-weather connectivity to the strategic Tawang region and other forward areas bordering China near the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- The tunnel will also reduce more than one hour of travelling time from Tezpur to Tawang.
- Travellers would be able to avoid the dangerous snow-covered Sela top at a height of 13,700 feet, according to a statement from Prime Minister's office.
- It is an engineering marvel and will provide all-weather connectivity to Tawang across the Sela pass on the **Balipara -Chariduar- Tawang Road** in Arunachal Pradesh.

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Q43. Recently, PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of **Dibang Multipurpose Hydropower Project of NHPC Limited in the Lower Dibang Valley district of Arunachal Pradesh. What is its total capacity?**

- a) 3876 MW
- b) 8923 MW
- c) 2880 MW
- d) 1875 MW

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Ans43. (c) 2880 MW

- PM laid the foundation stone for the **2,880 MW Dibang Multipurpose Hydroelectric Project in Arunachal Pradesh**, which will be **India's highest dam**, on the **Dibang River**, a tributary of **Brahmaputra River**.
- The project will be commissioned by February 2032.
- The project, located near **Munli village in Lower Dibang Valley District**, will feature a **278-meter-high dam**, making it the highest Concrete-Gravity Dam in India.
- Currently, **Tehri Dam (260 m)**, located on the Bhagirathi River in Uttarakhand, is the highest dam in India.

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ARUNACHAL PRADESH RIVER MAP

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LEGEND
Country Boundary
State Boundary
District Boundary
State Capital
District HQ


Which of the following is/are tributary/tributaries of Brahmaputra? (UPSC 2016)

1. Dibang
2. Kameng
3. Lohit

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3


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Q44. Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Land Port at Sabroom. It is in which of the following states?

- a) Tripura
- b) Meghalaya
- c) West Bengal
- d) Bihar


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Ans44. (a) Tripura


Sabroom Land Port:

- Sabroom Land Port is strategically located on the international border with Bangladesh in the South Tripura district of Tripura state, India.
- This is the southernmost tip of Tripura, bordering Bangladesh.
- It plays an important role in connecting India and Bangladesh, facilitating cross-border trade.



Land Ports

- **About:** These are areas on international borders including portions of national highways, State highways, etc., notified as land customs stations or immigration check posts, with facilities for clearance and transporting passengers and goods across the borders.
- **Number of Land Ports:** There are currently Eleven Land ports operational in India at Attari, Agartala, Dawki, Petrapole, Raxaul, Rupaidiha, Jogbani, Moreh, Sutarkandi, Srimantapur and PTB at Dera Baba Nanak

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Q45. Recently, who amongst the following has been awarded the Erasmus Prize 2024?

- a) Jhumpa Lahiri
- b) Arundhati Roy
- c) Amitav Ghosh
- d) Vikram Seth

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Ans45. (c) Amitav Ghosh

- The Praemium Erasmianum Foundation has awarded the **Erasmus Prize 2024** to the Indian writer **Amitav Ghosh**.
- He receives this prestigious honour for his **passionate contribution** to the theme **"imagining the unthinkable,"** in which he explores the **unprecedented global crisis of climate change** through his literary works.



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Q46. Recently, who amongst the following has won the title of the 71st edition of the **Miss World 2023?**


- Krystyna Pyszkova (Czech Republic)
- Yasmina Zaytoun (Lebanon)
- Aché Abrahams (Trinidad & Tobago)
- Lesego Chombo (Botswana)

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Ans46. (a) Krystyna Pyszkova (Czech Republic)

Krystyna Pyszková of the Czech Republic won the 71st Miss World Pageant in 2024, which was held in Mumbai's Jio World Convention Centre.




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Q47. Recently, who amongst the following has become the first fast bowler to take 700 wickets in Test matches (Cricket)?



- Stuart Broad
- James Anderson
- Jasprit Bumrah
- Mitchell Starc

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Ans47. (b) James Anderson

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BOWLERS	MATCHES	WICKETS
Muthiah Muralidaran	133	800
Shane Warne	145	709
James Anderson	187*	700
Anil Kumble	132	619
Stuart Broad	167	604
Glenn McGrath	124	563
Courtney Walsh	132	519
Nathan Lyon	129*	527
Ravichandran Ashwin	100*	511



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Q48. Recently, India and **European Free Trade Association** (Switzerland, Iceland, Norway & Liechtenstein) have signed a **Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)**. EFTA has committed to promote investments (foreign direct investments) by how much amount in India in the next 15 years?

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a) USD 50 Billion b) USD 100 Billion
c) USD 150 Billion d) USD 200 Billion

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Ans48. (b) USD 100 Billion

European Free Trade Association (EFTA)

- Headquarters: **Geneva, Switzerland.**
- The EFTA is based on the **Stockholm Convention**, which was signed in 1959 and went into effect in 1960.
- Today, the EFTA consists of **Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland.**



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European Free Trade Association (EFTA)

- EFTA has committed to promoting investments to increase the stock of foreign direct investments by **USD 100 billion** in India in the **next 15 years**, and to **facilitate the generation of 1 million direct employment in India**, through such investments.
- For the first ever time in the history of FTAs, a **legal commitment** is being made to promoting target-oriented investment and the creation of jobs.
- EFTA is offering **92.2% of its tariff lines** which covers 99.6% of India's exports.
- India is offering **82.7% of its tariff lines** which covers 95.3% of EFTA exports of which more than 80% of import is Gold. The effective duty on Gold remains untouched.
- The EFTA's market access offer covers **100% of non-agri products** and tariff concession on **Processed Agricultural Products (PAP)**.
- India has offered **105 sub-sectors** to the EFTA and secured commitments in **128 sub-sectors from Switzerland, 114 from Norway, 107 from Liechtenstein, and 110 from Iceland.**
- TEPA has provisions for **Mutual Recognition Agreements** in professional services like nursing, chartered accountants, architects etc.

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Q49. Recently, the Central Government has ordered Punjab and Himachal Pradesh to maintain status quo on the **Shanan Hydropower Project. It is built on which of the following rivers?**


a) Parbati river
 b) Spiti river
 c) Uhl river
 d) Tons river

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Ans49. (c) Uhl river

- Uhl river originates from the **Thamsar glacier (in Himachal Pradesh)** which is situated in the **Dhauladhar ranges** of the Himalayas and flows through the Uhl valley passing Bada Gran and Barot village of Himachal Pradesh.
- Uhl river is the water basin of the Beas river. Uhl river is also known as Tiun Nala and the Uhl valley is also famous as Chohar valley.
- After crossing the Chohar valley, Uhl river meets the Beas river 5 km downstream from Pandoh.



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Q50. According to the recent survey, there are total how many **Golden Langurs (Trachypithecus geei) in India?**

a) 6,798
 b) 7,396
 c) 2,967
 d) 10,254

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Ans50. (b) 7,396

- According to the latest survey, the population of **golden langurs (Trachypithecus geei)** in India is estimated to be approximately **7,396** individuals, conducted by various organizations including the Primate Research Centre NE India, Assam Forest Department, and others.



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Q51. Recently, who amongst the following have won the 2024 French Open Men's Doubles Title (Badminton)?

- a) Lee Jhe-Huei and Yang Po-Hsuan (Chinese Taipei)
- b) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty (India)
- c) Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik (Malaysia)
- d) Kang Min-hyuk and Seo Seung-jae (South Korea)

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Ans51. (b) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty (India)



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Q52. Recently, which of the following teams has won the 2023-24 Santosh Trophy (Football)?

- a) Services
- b) Railways
- c) Goa
- d) Karnataka

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Ans52. (a) Services

In the final of the Santosh Trophy 2023-24, Services beat Goa by a solitary goal to lift the premier inter-state senior men's competition for the seventh time in its long history.

The Services football team is a [football](#) section of the [Indian Armed Forces](#), representing them in various regional competitions.



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Q53. Recently, DRDO has conducted the first successful flight test of indigenously developed **Agni-5 missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-Entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology. What was the name of the mission?**

a) Mission Agniastra
b) Mission Vayuastra
c) Mission Divyastra
d) Mission Devastra

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Ans53. (c) Mission Divyastra

India's MIRV punch

India has joined select group of nations that have Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology

Agni-5 missile uses a three-stage solid fuelled engine
5,000km range

USING MULTIPLE WARHEADS

- MIRVs can cause more destruction than missiles that carry single warhead.
- It will allow Agni-V to deliver multiple nuclear warheads against different targets across hundreds of kilometres.

India completed its nuclear trial in 2018 when nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, INS Arihant, completed its first deterrence patrol

India's nuclear doctrine, promulgated in 2003, commits to a 'no first use' posture, with weapons to be used only in retaliation against a nuclear attack

"Proud of our DRDO scientists for Mission Divyastra, the first flight test of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology."
—NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister

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Integrated Guided Missile Development Program

- The Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP) was India's indigenous comprehensive missile development effort that commenced in the early 1980s.
- Initiated in 1983 under the leadership of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, IGMDP envisaged attaining self-reliance in missile technologies for national security priorities.
- It saw the projects of:
 - Prithvi (Short range surface to surface missile)
 - Trishul (short range surface to air missile)
 - Aakash (Medium range surface to air missile)
 - Nag (Third generation anti-tank missile)
 - Agni-I (Agni missile was later separated from the IGMDP due to its strategic importance)

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Q54. Recently, the Ministry of Home Affairs has notified the **Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 2024 rules. Under this, the residence requirement for naturalisation of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi or Christian migrants from Pakistan, Afghanistan or Bangladesh, have been reduced to how many years?**

a) 5 years
b) 6 years
c) 7 years
d) 8 years

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Ans54. (b) 6 years

Citizenship of India by naturalization can be acquired by a foreigner (not illegal migrant) who is ordinarily resident in India for 12 years (throughout the period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of application and for **11 years** in the aggregate in the 14 years preceding the twelve months) and other qualifications as specified in Third Schedule to the Act.

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Q55. According to the recent report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), which of the following countries was the world's largest arms importer during the period 2019-23?

a) India
b) Saudi Arabia
c) Qatar
d) Ukraine

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Ans55. (a) India

Rank	Importer	Share of global arms imports (%)		Per cent change from 2014-18 to 2019-23*	Main suppliers and their share of importer's total imports (%)					
		2019-23	2014-18		1st	2nd	3rd			
1	India	9.8	9.1	4.7	Russia	36	France	25	USA	13
2	Saudi Arabia	8.6	1.1	-28	USA	75	France	7.6	Spain	7.0
3	Qatar	7.6	1.5	396	USA	48	France	25	Italy	13
4	Ukraine	4.9	0.1	6,938	USA	29	Germany	14	Poland	13
5	Pakistan	4.3	2.9	43	China	82	Sweden	4.0	Turkiye	3.8
6	Japan	4.3	3.5	155	USA	97	UK	1.8	Germany	0.4
7	Egypt	4.0	5.3	-26	Germany	27	Italy	22	Russia	20
8	Australia	3.7	4.6	-21	USA	80	Spain	13	Switzerland	2.3
9	South Korea	3.3	2.8	6.5	USA	72	Germany	15	France	9.3
10	China	2.9	4.9	-44	Russia	77	France	13	Ukraine	8.2

Share in global arms imports (%) - top 10 countries
For 2019-23

Share in global arms exports (%)
2019-23

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Q56. Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the first oil mill under the National Mission for Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) in which of the following states?

a) Meghalaya
b) Assam
c) Arunachal Pradesh
d) Mizoram

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Ans56. (c) Arunachal Pradesh




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Palm Oil

- Palm oil is currently the **world's most consumed vegetable oil**.
- It is used extensively in the production of detergents, plastics, cosmetics, and biofuels.
- **Top consumers** of the commodity are India, China, and the **European Union (EU)**.

CABINET APPROVES IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL MISSION ON EDIBLE OILS – OIL PALM

-  This centrally sponsored scheme will especially focus on the Northeast region and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands
-  Total financial outlay – **Rs 11,040 crore**
Govt of India share – **Rs 8,844 crore**
States' share – **Rs 2,196 crore**
-  Production of Crude Palm Oil expected to go upto **11.2 lakh tonnes by 2025-26** and upto **28 lakh tonnes by 2029-30**

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Q57. Recently, who amongst the following has appointed **Gyanesh Kumar and **Sukhbir Singh Sandhu** as the new Election Commissioners in the Election Commission of India?**

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- a) Prime Minister of India
- b) President of India
- c) Chief Election Commissioner
- d) Chief Justice of India

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Ans57. (b) President of India



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- **Chief Election Commissioner:** Mr. Rajiv Kumar
- **First Election Commissioner:** Mr. Sukumar Sen

Election Commission of India

- The **Election Commission of India (ECI)** is an autonomous constitutional authority responsible for administering Union and State election processes in India.
- It was established in accordance with the Constitution on 25th January 1950 (celebrated as **National Voters' Day**). The secretariat of the commission is in New Delhi.
- The body administers elections to the **Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha**, and **State Legislative Assemblies** in India, and the offices of the **President and Vice President** in the country.
- **Part XV (Article 324-329):** It deals with elections and establishes a commission for these matters.



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Q58. Recently, the High level Committee on **Simultaneous Elections has submitted its report to the President of India Droupadi Murmu. It was chaired by who amongst the following?**

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- a) Ram Nath Kovind
- b) Amit Shah
- c) N.K. Singh
- d) Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap

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Ans58. (a) Ram Nath Kovind

Recommendations of the High-level Committee on Simultaneous Elections Transition to Simultaneous Elections:

- **Amendment to Article 82A:**
 - The Committee suggests amending **Article 82A of the Constitution** to empower the President to designate an "**Appointed Date**" for the commencement of simultaneous elections to the House of the People and Legislative Assemblies.
 - State assemblies going to poll after this date would synchronize their terms with the Parliament, facilitating simultaneous elections.
- **Term Synchronization:**
 - If the recommendations are accepted and implemented after the **2024 Lok Sabha polls**, the first simultaneous elections could potentially be held in 2029.
 - States with elections due between **June 2024 and May 2029** would see their terms expire alongside the **18th Lok Sabha**, even if it results in some state assemblies **having terms of less than five years as a one-time measure**.
 - To maintain synchronicity in case of **premature dissolution** of Parliament or a state assembly, the committee recommended **conducting fresh elections only for the remaining term, or the "unexpired term"** until the next cycle of simultaneous polls.
- **Synchronisation of Local Body Elections:**
 - Parliament is advised to enact legislation, possibly through the **introduction of Article 324A**, to ensure the synchronization of **Municipalities and Panchayats** elections with General Elections.

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Electoral Roll Preparation and Management:

- The Committee suggests amending **Article 325 of the Constitution** to enable the **Election Commission of India (ECI)** to prepare a **single electoral roll and Elector's Photo Identity Card (EPIC)** applicable to all tiers of government in consultation with State Election Commissions.

Logistical Arrangements and Expenditure Estimation:

- The Committee calls for the ECI to submit detailed requirements and **expenditure estimates for simultaneous elections**.
- To ensure seamless logistical arrangements, the Committee urges the ECI and SECs to develop comprehensive plans and estimates.

Impact on Governance and Development:

- The Committee underscores the importance of certainty in governance for effective decision-making and sustained development.
- It highlights the role of synchronized elections in averting policy paralysis and fostering a conducive environment for progress.

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Q59. Recently, which of the following teams has won the Ranji Trophy 2023-24 season (Cricket)?

- Vidarbha
- Saurashtra
- Bengal
- Mumbai

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Ans59. (d) Mumbai



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Q60. Recently, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced the project for development of New Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV). What is the name of the project?

- a) Project Vayu
- b) Project Agni
- c) Project Aakash
- d) Project Soorya

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Ans60. (d) Project Soorya

Project SOORYA:

- **Aim** – To develop NGLV and build the country's own space station to send Indians to the Moon
- **Requirement:** 3rd launch pad at Sriharikota needed as NGLV's configuration is different from the current class of rockets
- **India's Space Vision 2047** – Helps to achieve the goals of building a space station by 2035 and eventually sending Indians to Moon
- **Participation** – ISRO provides technical support and private industry is expected to handle building, operations and launches

New Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV):

- **India's biggest rocket** (expected to be ready by 2034-35)
- **Features of NGLV** –
 - A 3-stage launch vehicle
 - Fuel – **Green fuel combinations** (methane-liquid oxygen or kerosene-liquid oxygen)
- **Payload capacity** – Up to 10 tonnes to Geostationary Transfer Orbit (GTO)
- **Reusability** – **Recoverable parts** are and can be reflight.
- **Cost-competitive rocket** – Reusability reduces the launch costs, of around \$1,900 per kg to Low Earth Orbit (LEO), compared to \$3,000/kg for an expendable configuration.

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Q61. According to the recently released Human Development Report 2023-24 titled “Breaking the gridlock Reimagining cooperation in a polarized world”, what is the rank of India in the Human Development Index (HDI) in 2022?

- a) 133rd
- b) 134th
- c) 135th
- d) 136th

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Ans61. (b) 134th

Human Development Report

- **Human Development Reports (HDRs)** have been released since 1990 and have explored different themes through the human development approach.
- The reports are produced by the Human Development Report Office for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Human Development Index:

- HDI is a composite index that measures average achievement in human development taking into account three indicators:
 - **Life expectancy at birth** ([Sustainable Development Goal \(SDG\) 3](#))
 - **Expected years of schooling** (SDG 4.3)
 - **Gross national income (GNI)** (SDG 8.5)

• **Top Three Countries (Scores):** Switzerland (0.967), Norway (0.966) and Iceland (0.959).

• **Bottom Three Countries:** Somalia (0.380), South Sudan (0.381), Central African Republic (0.387)

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Q62. Recently who amongst the following has been appointed as the Chairman of the Prasar Bharati?

- a) Navneet Kumar Sehgal
- b) Surya Prakash
- c) Sanjay Jaju
- d) Gaurav Dwivedi

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Ans62. (a) Navneet Kumar Sehgal

Prasar Bharti

- Prasar Bharati is a statutory autonomous body.
- It is the Public Service Broadcaster of the country.
- It was established under the Prasar Bharati Act in 1997.
- The Prasar Bharati Corporation's main objective is to provide autonomy to Doordarshan and Akashvani in order to "educate and entertain the public."

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Q63. Recently, which of the following organizations has released the report "Global Methane Tracker 2024"?

- a) World Bank
- b) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- c) International Energy Agency (IEA)
- d) International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

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Ans63. (c) International Energy Agency (IEA)

Global Methane Tracker:

- It is an annual report released by the International Energy Agency (IEA).

Highlights of Global Methane Tracker 2024:

- Methane emissions from fuel use in 2023 were close to being the highest ever at 120 million tonnes (Mt). This is a small rise compared to 2022.
- Bioenergy, a form of renewable energy generated by plant and animal waste, caused another 10 million tons of emissions.
- Of the 120 Mt of methane that escaped into the atmosphere, around 80 million tons of methane emissions came from just 10 countries. The United States leads in methane emissions from oil and gas operations, and is "closely followed" by Russia. China, on the other hand, leads in emissions from coal operations.
- While studies suggested emissions are falling in some regions, overall emissions remain far too high to meet the world's climate goals.
- The world needs to slash methane emissions from fossil fuels by 75 percent by 2030 to achieve the Paris Agreement goal of limiting warming to 1.5°C.
- The IEA estimated that this goal would require about \$170 billion in spending. This is less than 5 percent of the income generated by the fossil fuel industry in 2023.

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Q64. Recently, who amongst the following have been awarded the **Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Woman Media Person 2024?**

- a) Rana Ayyub and Shaili Chopra
- b) Nidhi Razdan and Anubha Bhonsle
- c) Seema Chishti and Sagarika Ghose
- d) Greeshma Kuthar and Ritika Chopra

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Ans64. (d) Greeshma Kuthar and Ritika Chopra



- The Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Woman Media Person of the Year was set up by The Media Foundation in 1980.
- It is named after Chameli Devi Jain, a freedom fighter and community reformer who was imprisoned during India's independence movement.
- The first award was given in 1982, and since then, it has been presented annually.
- The award recognizes impactful journalism in fields such as social development, politics, gender justice, human rights, health, conflict, and consumer values.

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Q65. Recently, who amongst the following has been announced as the National Icon in the PwD category by the Election Commission of India (ECI)?

- a) Sheetal Devi
- b) Sumit Antil
- c) Deepa Malik
- d) Avani Lekhara

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Ans65. (a) Sheetal Devi

Para Archer and Arjuna Awardee. Ms. Sheetal Devi, will be ECI National PwD Icon



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Q66. Recently, the tenth edition of the Joint Military Exercise “LAMITIYE-2024**” has commenced between India and which of the following countries?**


a) Mauritius
b) Morocco
c) Egypt
d) Seychelles

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Ans66. (d) Seychelles



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Q67. Recently, which of the following ministries has conducted the **Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT) as part of the ULLAS (Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society) initiative - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram?**

a) Ministry of Cooperation
b) Ministry of Education
c) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
d) Ministry of Women and Child Development

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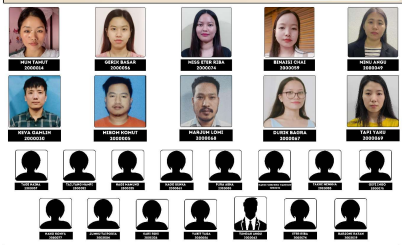
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Ans67. (b) Ministry of Education

- The FLNAT assesses Reading, Writing, and Numeracy skills, to evaluate foundational literacy and numeracy skills.
- FLNAT aims to certify non-literate learners and promote [multilingualism](#) by conducting the test in regional languages, aligning with [National Education Policy \(NEP\) 2020](#).
- Learners who qualify will receive a certificate from the [National Institute of Open Schooling \(NIOS\)](#) recognising their achievement in foundational literacy and numeracy skills.

ULLAS: Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram

- The ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) is a transformative initiative launched by the Indian government to promote **lifelong learning and bridge the gaps in basic literacy and critical life skills among citizens aged 15 and above**.
- The program aims to empower individuals with essential knowledge and skills for **personal and national development**.
- ULLAS User-Friendly Mobile Application serves as a digital gateway to diverse learning resources via the [DIKSHA portal](#).

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Q68. Recently, which of the following states has launched India's first Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) powered bus?

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a) Karnataka
 b) Madhya Pradesh
 c) Maharashtra
 d) Odisha

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Ans68. (c) Maharashtra

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

- Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is a natural gas composed of mainly methane, CH₄, with some mixture of ethane, C₂H₆ which has been cooled down to liquid form for ease and safety of non-pressurized storage or transport.
- **Process:** The natural gas is **condensed into a liquid form** at close to atmospheric pressure by **cooling it to approximately -162 °C (-260 °F)**
- **Nature:** It is odourless, colourless, non-toxic and non-corrosive.

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Q69. Recently, which of the following teams has won the **Women's Premier League 2024?**

a) Mumbai Indians
b) Delhi Capitals
c) Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)
d) Gujarat Titans

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Ans69. (c) Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)

Award Winners: Women's Premier League 2024

- F** • **Orange Cap (Most Runs):** Ellyse Perry (Royal Challengers Bangalore) (347 runs)
- G** • **Purple Cap (Most Wickets):** Shreyanka Patil (Royal Challengers Bangalore) (13 wickets)
- S** • **Emerging Player of the Tournament:** Shreyanka Patil (Royal Challengers Bangalore)
- E** • **WPL 2024 final Player of the Match:** Sophie Molineux (RCB)
- B** • **WPL 2024 Player of the Tournament (Most Valuable Player):** Deepti Sharma (UP Warriorz)
- L** • **Best catch of the season:** Mumbai Indians' Sajana Sajeevan
- A** • **WPL 2024 Super Striker of the Season:** RCB's Georgia Wareham
- S** • **WPL 2024 most sixes:** Delhi Capitals' Shafali Verma
- H** • **Highest score in WPL 2024:** Harmanpreet Kaur (Mumbai Indians)
- I** • **Fair Play Award -** Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)

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Q70. Recently, the bilateral tri-Service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise "Tiger Triumph - 24**" has commenced between India and which of the following countries?**

a) Bangladesh
b) USA
c) Nepal
d) Sri Lanka

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Ans70. (b) USA

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Q71. Recently, who amongst the following has been conferred the **Sangita Kalanidhi 2024 by The Music Academy, Chennai?**

- a) Aruna Sairam
- b) T.M. Krishna
- c) Priya Sisters
- d) T.K. Murthy

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Ans71. (b) T.M. Krishna

Renowned Carnatic musician T M Krishna has been selected for the 2024 Sangita Kalanidhi. While Neena Prasad has been selected for the Nritya Kalanidhi Award for 2024.



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Q72. Recently, which of the following states/union territories has approved 10 per cent reservation for the Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities - **Gadda Brahmin, Koli, Paddari Tribe and Pahari Ethnic group?**

- a) Ladakh
- b) Jammu and Kashmir
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Himachal Pradesh

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Ans72. (b) Jammu and Kashmir

Constitutional Provisions and Initiatives related to Tribes in India

- As per Census-1931, Schedule tribes are termed as "backward tribes" living in the "Excluded" and "Partially Excluded" areas. The [Government of India Act, 1935](#) called for the first time for representatives of "backward tribes" in provincial assemblies.
- **342(1):** The President may with respect to any State or Union Territory, after consultation with the Governor, by a public notification, specify the **tribes or tribal communities or part of or groups** within tribes or tribal communities as **Scheduled Tribe** in relation to that State or Union Territory.
- The [Fifth Schedule of the Constitution](#) lays out provision for Administration and Control of **Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes** in states other than Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.
- The [Sixth Schedule](#) deals with the **administration** of the tribal areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.

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Q73. Who amongst the following will be awarded the 33rd Saraswati Samman for 2023 for the novel “Roudra Sathwikam”?

- a) MT Vasudevan Nair
- b) Kumaran Asan
- c) Akkitham
- d) Prabha Varma

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Ans73. (d) Prabha Varma

- Noted Malayalam poet and author Prabha Varma has been selected for the prestigious 33rd Saraswati Samman for the year 2023. He won the award for his novel in verse ‘Roudra Sathwikam’ published in 2022.
- The Saraswati Samman, instituted by the K.K. Birla Foundation in 1991, is one of the highest literary honors in India. It recognizes outstanding literary works in any of the Indian languages published in the last 10 years.



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Q74. Recently, Ramgarh Crater has been officially recognized as the Geo Heritage site. It is in which of the following districts of Rajasthan?

- a) Baran
- b) Ajmer
- c) Barmer
- d) Bharatpur

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Ans74. (a) Baran

- Ramgarh Crater is significant for its ecosystem services, biodiversity, cultural, and heritage value for the local communities and society.
- This significance is reflected by its status as a declared Conservation Reserve, namely [Ramgarh Conservation Reserve](#), under the [Wildlife \(Protection\) Act, 1972](#).

Geo-heritage Sites

- Geo-heritage refers to the geological features which are inherently or culturally **significant offering insight to earth’s evolution or history to earth science** or that can be utilized for education.
- **Geological Survey of India (GSI) is the parent body** which is making efforts towards identification and protection of geo-heritage sites/national geological monuments in the country.



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Q75. Recently, which of the following organizations, under its "Missing Migrants**" project, has informed that a total of 8,565 migrants died on land and sea routes worldwide in 2023?**

a) UNESCO
 b) UNICEF
 c) International Organizations for Migration (IOM)
 d) Amnesty International

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Ans75. (c) International Organizations for Migration (IOM)

- IOM reported that the number of migrant deaths in 2023 increased by almost **20%** compared to 2022.
- The "**Missing Migrants**" project by IOM, established in 2014, tracks these figures and was initiated after a surge in deaths in the Mediterranean and an influx of migrants on the Italian island of Lampedusa.

International Organization for Migration

- The **International Organization for Migration** originated in 1951 as the Provisional Intergovernmental Committee for the Movement of Migrants from Europe (PICMME) after **World War II's** upheavals.
- It underwent name changes from PICMME to the **Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM)** in 1952, to the **Intergovernmental Committee for Migration (ICM)** in 1980, and finally to the **International Organisation for Migration** in 1989, reflecting its evolution into a migration agency.
- In 2016, IOM entered into an agreement with the [United Nations](#), becoming a related organization.
- **India** became an IOM Member State on 18th June 2008.
- **Headquarters:** Geneva 19, Switzerland.


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Q76. Recently, scientists have discovered "Noctis volcano**" on which of the following planets?**

a) Mars
 b) Jupiter
 c) Mercury
 d) Saturn

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Ans76. (a) Mars

Noctis Volcano

- It is a newly-discovered volcano located just south of Mars' equator, in Eastern Noctis Labyrinthus, west of Valles Marineris, the planet's vast canyon system.



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Q77. Recently which of the following state governments has notified the “Braiduah Community Reserve**” for the protection of **Bugun Liocichla bird**?**

a) Arunachal Pradesh
b) Sikkim
c) Meghalaya
d) Mizoram

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Ans78. (a) Arunachal Pradesh

The state government has notified Braiduah community reserve, located adjacent to the **Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary** in West Kameng district, under the provisions of the **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.**



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Q79. According to the recently released **World Happiness Report 2024, which of the following is the happiest country in the world?**

a) Finland
b) Denmark
c) Iceland
d) Sweden

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Ans79. (a) Finland

World Happiness Report

- The WHR is an **annual publication** of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

Key Highlights of the 2024 Report

- **Top:** For the seventh successive year, Finland topped the list of the happiest countries in the world.
- **Runner-ups:** The other countries in the top ten were *Denmark, Iceland, Sweden, Israel, the Netherlands, Norway, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Australia.*
- **Bottom:** Afghanistan was at the bottom of the list.
- **Indian Scenario**
- **Ranking:** India maintains its position at 126th in the happiness index. Surprisingly, *it is behind Pakistan, Libya, Iraq, Palestine and Niger.*

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Q80. Recently, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and which of the following organizations have launched the **Bhasha Net portal?**

a) NITI Aayog
 b) World Economic Forum (WEF)
 c) National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)
 d) Digital India Corporation

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Ans80. (c) National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)

- The [BhashaNet](#) portal, a joint initiative by the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), was unveiled at the Universal Acceptance (UA) Day event on March 21, 2024.
- This launch marks a significant step towards promoting digital inclusion and linguistic diversity in India.

Universal Acceptance
 Universal Acceptance (UA) is a concept that aims to ensure that all domain names and email addresses, regardless of language or script, can be used by all internet-enabled applications, devices, and systems.

The Importance of [BhashaNet](#) Portal
 The [BhashaNet](#) portal is designed to support the cause of Universal Acceptance by providing resources, tools, and information to help developers, businesses, and organizations make their applications and systems UA-compliant.

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Q81. Recently, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been awarded with the **Aviation Week Laureates Award 2023-2024 for its which of the following missions?**

a) Aditya L1
 b) Chandrayaan-3
 c) XPoSat (X-ray Polarimeter Satellite)
 d) Gaganyaan

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Ans81. (b) Chandrayaan-3

- The Aviation Week Laureates Award is a prestigious award that recognizes achievements in the aerospace industry.
- In 2024, the award was given to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for its Chandrayaan-3 mission.

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Q82. Recently, PM Narendra Modi has been conferred the “Order of the Druk Gyalpo**” by which of the following countries?**

a) Japan
b) South Korea
c) China
d) Bhutan

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Ans82. (d) Bhutan

‘Order of the Druk Gyalpo’ Award

- The Order of the Druk Gyalpo stands as **Bhutan’s most esteemed civilian accolade**, reserved for individuals who have **demonstrated exceptional contributions** to society, embodying values of service, integrity, and leadership.
- with **Bhutanese values, emphasising holistic development**, cultural preservation, and regional harmony.
- Indian PM’s selection as the **first foreign Head of Government to receive this honour** underlined the **strong bilateral ties between the two countries.**

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Q83. Recently, India has launched the ‘Operation Indravati**’ to evacuate its citizens from which of the following countries?**

a) Israel
b) South Sudan
c) Haiti
d) Dominican Republic

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Ans83. (c) Haiti

- **Operation Indravati** is an ongoing evacuation mission launched by the Indian government to rescue its nationals from Haiti, a Caribbean nation grappling with widespread gang violence and political instability.
- The operation, named after the **Indravati River** in India, aims to ensure the safety and well-being of Indian citizens amidst the escalating crisis in Haiti.



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Q84. Who amongst the following will be Indian team flagbearer for the Paris 2024 Olympics?

- a) Neeraj Chopra
- b) Parul Chaudhary
- c) Sharath Kamal
- d) Lakshay Sen

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Ans84. (c) Sharath Kamal

Veteran table tennis player Sharath Kamal, a two-time Commonwealth Games champion and Khel Ratna awardee, will be India's flag-bearer at the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympics, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).



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Q85. Recently, which of the following countries has been appointed to chair 69th session of United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in 2025?

- a) Tajikistan
- b) Jordan
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) Iran

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Ans85. (c) Saudi Arabia

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

- **Function:** It's the principal global intergovernmental body working exclusively on promoting gender equality and empowering women globally.
- **Parent Organization:** CSW is a functional commission under the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
- **Establishment:** Founded in 1946, it has a long history of advocating for women's rights.
- **Headquarters:** New York, USA

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Q86. Recently, the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI) has developed “Kalpa Suvarna**”. It is a variety of which of the following crops?**

a) Cocoa
b) Tea
c) Coconut
d) Wheat

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Ans86. (c) Coconut

- The **Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI)** recently developed a new variety of coconut along with two new varieties of **cocoa** aimed at revolutionising coconut and cocoa cultivation in India.
- **Kalpa Suvarna**, the coconut variety is ideal for tender coconut and copra production, with specific characteristics like **large-sized fruits, high water content, and oil content.**
- The cocoa varieties, **VTL CH I and VTL CH II**, have high fat and nutrient contents, with VTL CH II being tolerant to **black pod rot.**
 - Black pod rot is a fungal disease that affects Cocoa Trees. It is majorly caused by fungal species belonging to the **genera Phytophthora.**
- VTL CH I is suitable for growing in **Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh**, while VTL CH II is recommended for high rainfall regions in **Karnataka, Kerala, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu.**

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Q87. Recently, which of the following state governments has approved the formation of a development council for the **Kiran Sheikh community?**

a) Meghalaya
b) Manipur
c) Assam
d) Arunachal Pradesh

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Ans87. (c) Assam

- The Assam Cabinet approved the formation of a development council for the 'Kiran Sheikh' community, residing in the Barak Valley.
- The decision was taken at a meeting of the council of ministers, presided over by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- The Cabinet also gave its consent for the use of the Meitei script for education in the Manipuri language at the primary level in schools.

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Q88. Recently which of the following ministries has launched the **National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming (NAP-SE) in India?**

a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 c) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
 d) Ministry of Home Affairs

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Ans88. (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming (NAP-SE)

- The NAP-SE provides a broad framework for **management, prevention and control of Snakebite** envenoming in India.
- This NAP-SE echoes the global voice of reducing the **deaths due to snakebite envenoming by half** and envisages all strategic components, roles and responsibilities of concerned stakeholders.
- To prevent and **control snakebite envenoming** in order to **halve the numbers of deaths and cases of disability that it causes by 2030.**

The Big Four of India
 Causes 95% mortality in India.

	
RUSSELLS VIPER	COMMON KRAIT
	
COMMON COBRA	SAW-SCALED VIPER



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Q89. Recently, PM Narendra Modi has launched the 'Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan and Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan'** (PM-SURAJ) national portal. It is an initiative of which of the following ministries?**

a) Ministry of Rural Development
 b) Ministry of Finance
 c) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 d) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

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Ans89. (c) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan evam Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan (PM-SURAJ) Portal

- The portal will act as a one-stop point where people from disadvantaged sections of society can apply for and monitor the progress of all loan and credit schemes already available to them.
- This initiative will help in providing financial assistance directly to beneficiaries, eliminating middlemen and commissions.
- It aims at uplifting the most marginalised segments of society.

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Q90. Recently, who amongst the following has won the Best Director award at the 96th Academy Awards (The Oscars 2024)?

a) Greta Gerwig (Barbie)
b) Yorgos Lanthimos (Poor Things)
c) Christopher Nolan (Oppenheimer)
d) Alexander Payne (The Holdovers)

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Ans90. (c) Christopher Nolan (Oppenheimer)

- **Best Actor:** Cillian Murphy, "Oppenheimer"
- **Best Director:** Christopher Nolan, "Oppenheimer"
- **Best Actress:** Emma Stone, "Poor Things"
- **Best Picture:** "Oppenheimer"
- **Best Score:** "Oppenheimer"
- **Best Song:** "What Was I Made For?" from "Barbie"
- **Best Documentary (Short Subject):** "The Last Repair Shop"
- **Best Documentary Feature:** "20 Days in Mariupol"
- **Best Animated Short:** "War Is Over!"
- **Best Animated Feature:** "The Boy and the Heron"
- **Best Original Screenplay:** "Anatomy of a Fall"
- **Best International Feature:** "The Zone of Interest"
- **Best Film Editing:** "Oppenheimer"
- **Best Cinematography:** "Oppenheimer"
- **Best Short Film (Live Action):** "The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar"
- **Best Sound:** "The Zone of Interest"

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Q91. Recently, Yoga Mahotsav-2024 was organized by the Ministry of Ayush in New Delhi to commemorate 100 Days Countdown to International Day of Yoga 2024 (21st June). What is the theme of the International Day of Yoga 2024?

a) Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
b) Yoga for Women Empowerment
c) Yoga for World Peace
d) Yoga for Inner Harmony

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Ans91. (b) Yoga for Women Empowerment

- The idea of **International Day of Yoga (IDY)** was proposed by India during the opening of the 69th session of the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)**, held in 2014.
- The UN proclaimed **21st June as IDY** by passing a resolution in December, 2014.
- The first Yoga Day celebrations in **2015 at Rajpath in New Delhi** created two Guinness World Records.
- It was the **world's largest yoga session** with 35,985 people.
- 84 nationalities participated in it.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY LOGO MEANING

Yoga for Harmony & Peace

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Q92. Recently, 148th Assembly of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) has been organised at which of the following places?

a) Washington DC
 b) London
 c) New York
 d) Geneva

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Ans92. (d) Geneva

Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

- IPU is the international organization of Parliaments.
- I was established in 1889 in Paris to promote representative democracy and world peace.
- The IPU facilitates parliamentary diplomacy and empowers parliaments and parliamentarians to promote peace, democracy, and sustainable development around the world.
- It was the first multilateral political organization in the world, encouraging cooperation and dialogue between all nations.
- **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland

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Q93. “Punatsangchhu-I Hydro-electric Project”, “Punatsangchhu-II Hydro-electric Project” and “Mangdechhu Hydro-electric Project”, recently seen in news, are in which of the following countries?

a) Nepal
 b) Bangladesh
 c) Bhutan
 d) China

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Ans93. (c) Bhutan

More Information

- Recently, PM Narendra Modi has announced India's commitment to providing Rs 10,000 crore in support to Bhutan's 13th Five Year Plan (2024-2029).
- Earlier, for the 12th Five Year Plan (2018-2023) of the Royal Government of Bhutan, India committed an assistance package of INR 5000 crores.
- Under the 12th Five Year Plan, India has implemented 82 Project Tied Assistance Projects and 524 High Impact Community Development Projects in Bhutan.

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Q94. Recently, a new disease named “Witches’ Broom”, which is associated with the pathogen ‘Candidatus Phytoplasma asteris’ (16SrI), has been discovered. It is related to which of the following crops?

- a) Tomato
- b) Onion
- c) Peas
- d) Potato

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Ans94. (c) Peas



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Q95. Recently, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has approved the inclusion of which of the following crops under its Price Stabilization Fund (PSF)?

- a) Jute and Sugarcane
- b) Cotton and Jowar
- c) Wheat and Rice
- d) Maize and Tea

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Ans95. (c) Wheat and Rice

PSF

- Established in 2014-15, PSF is any fund created to absorb extreme volatility in selected commodity prices.
- Such goods will be procured directly from farmers or farmers' organisations at the farm gate/mandi, and made available to consumers at a more affordable price.
- Losses sustained, if any, between the Centre and the states must be shared in the operations.
- The sum in the fund is usually used for activities aimed at bringing down/up the high/low prices say, for example, acquisition of certain goods and distribution of the same as and when appropriate so that costs remain within a range.



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Q96. Recently, the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters has decided to award the **Abel Prize for 2024 (Mathematics) to who amongst the following?**

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a) Peter Sarnak
 b) Ian Stewart
 c) Alon Amit
 d) Michel Talagrand



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Ans96. (d) Michel Talagrand

- Michel Talagrand has been awarded the 2024 Abel Prize for his groundbreaking work in probability theory and understanding randomness.
- Talagrand, based at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), has focused on characterizing extremes in stochastic systems throughout his four-decade career.
- The Abel Prize is often referred to as the Nobel Prize of mathematics and recognizes exceptional contributions to the field.





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Q97. Recently, which of the following states has emerged as the overall champion in the **3rd North East Games 2024 held in Nagaland?**

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a) Manipur
 b) Nagaland
 c) Assam
 d) Sikkim

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Ans97. (a) Manipur



State	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
MANIPUR	52	38	40	130
NAGALAND	48	42	44	134
ASSAM	43	44	53	140
MIZORAM	16	15	27	58
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	08	12	27	47
SIKKIM	05	07	19	31
MEGHALAYA	02	12	41	55
TRIPURA	01	04	11	16

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Q98. Recently, International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named asteroid "2005 EX296" after who amongst the following?

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a) Ashoke Sen
b) Raj Reddy
c) Anna Mani
d) Jayant Murthy

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Ans98. (d) Jayant Murthy

- International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named an asteroid after Prof. Jayant Murthy, who was acting director of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) before his retirement in 2021.
- The asteroid 2005 EX296 has been designated as (215884) Jayantmurthy.



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Q99. Recently, which of the following applications has been launched by Election Commission to facilitate easier voting for Person with Disabilities (PWDs)?

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a) Yogya
b) Kabil
c) Saksham
d) Samarth

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Ans99. (c) Saksham

- In a determined effort to ensure accessibility and inclusivity in the electoral process, the Election Commission has introduced the Saksham App.
- This initiative aims to address the needs of voters above 85 years of age and Persons-with-Disabilities (PWDs) with a 40 percent benchmark disability, allowing them to cast their votes from the comfort of their homes.



Saksham-ECI

भारत निर्वाचन आयोग
Election Commission of India
Towards Accessible Elections

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Q100. As per recent information, Indian Air Force will conduct 'Gagan Shakti-2024' exercise at which of the following places in Rajasthan?

- a) Jodhpur
- b) Mahajan
- c) Pokhran
- d) Suratgarh

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Ans100. (c) Pokhran

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Q101. As per recently released 'UN World Water Development Report 2024', 2.2 billion people worldwide have no access to clean drinking water. Which of the following organizations has published this report?

- a) World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- b) World Bank
- c) UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- d) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

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Ans101. (c) UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

World Water Development Report 2024

- **Water Access Disparities and Increasing Migration:** 2.2 billion people do not have access to safely managed [drinking water](#) and 3.5 billion people globally do not have access to properly managed sanitation facilities.
- **Water Deficit Inducing Migration:** Water deficits could be linked to **10 percent of the increase** in migration worldwide.
- **Increasing Water Footprint:** The global water footprint is expanding with [freshwater](#) consumption increasing by nearly one percent annually.
- **Urban-Rural Divide:** There is a prominent urban-rural divide wherein "four out of five people lack at least basic drinking water services live in rural areas.
- **Critical Water Availability and Climate Change:** Only **0.5 percent** of water on Earth is usable and climate change is dangerously affecting that supply.
- **Impact on Food Security:** [Climate change](#), [population growth](#) and increasing water scarcity will put pressure on food supply as about **72 percent** of the freshwater used is used for agriculture.
- **Rise in Water-Related Disasters:** Water-related [disasters](#) have dominated the list of disasters over the past 50 years and account for **70 percent of all deaths** related to natural disasters.
- **Child Mortality in Conflict-Affected Areas:** Children under the age of 15 living in countries affected by prolonged conflict are, on average, almost three times more likely to die due to **lack of safe water, sanitation and hygiene than by direct violence.**
- **Transboundary Water Cooperation:** Only 24 countries report that all their transboundary basins are covered by cooperation arrangements.
- **Economic Returns of Water and Sanitation Investments:** The benefits of investing in water and sanitation outweigh the costs, as it can improve health, productivity, environment, and social outcomes.

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World Water Day: March 22

- **Aim:** The Day aims to support the achievement of [Sustainable Development Goal 6](#): water and sanitation for all by 2030.
- **Theme:** The theme for 2024 is "Water for Peace"
- **History:**
 - The idea for this international day goes back to 1992, the year in which the **UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro** took place.
 - That same year, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution by which 22nd March of each year was declared World Day for Water, to be observed starting in 1993.

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Q102. As per recent information, POEM-3 has made a re-entry into Earth's atmosphere. This mission/experiment was launched by which of the following organisations?

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a) Canadian Space Agency
b) China National Space Administration (CNSA)
c) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
d) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

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Ans102. (d) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Recently, ISRO's [PSLV-C58/XPoSat mission](#) achieved near-zero debris in Earth's orbit by converting the final stage into the [PSLV Orbital Experimental Module-3 \(POEM-3\)](#), which then safely re-entered the atmosphere rather than remaining in orbit after completing its mission.




POEM

- POEM is an innovative space platform developed by the [Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre \(VSSC\)](#).
- It repurposes the **fourth stage of a PSLV rocket** into a stable orbital station for conducting in-space scientific experiments with diverse payloads.
- Normally, the fourth stage of the PSLV becomes space debris after deploying satellites, but in the PSLV-C53 mission, it served as a stabilised platform for experiments.
- According to ISRO, POEM has a dedicated [Navigation Guidance and Control \(NGC\) system](#) for attitude stabilisation, which stands for controlling the orientation of any aerospace vehicle within permitted limits.

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Q103. Recently, which of the following insurance companies has NOT been identified as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs)?

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a) Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
b) United India Insurance Company (UIIC)
c) General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC)
d) New India Assurance Company

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Ans103. (b) United India Insurance Company (UIIC)

- In the financial year 2023-24, three **domestic insurance companies** have been identified as systemically important for the stability of the economy:
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC), and New India Assurance Co. Ltd.**
- These companies are considered “too important to fail,” and there is an expectation of **government support in case of financial distress.**
- Designated as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs), they play a critical role in ensuring the availability of insurance services to the national economy.
- **D-SIIs are subject to additional regulatory measures to manage systemic risks and moral hazard issues,** including enhancing corporate governance and implementing robust risk management frameworks.

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Q104. Recently, UNESCO’s Executive Board has endorsed the addition of 18 sites to UNESCO Global Geoparks network. With this addition, total number of Geoparks has increased to?

a) 211
b) 213
c) 215
d) 217

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Ans104. (b) 213

UNESCO Global Geoparks Network

- These are **single, unified geographical areas** where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development.
- These comprise a number of geological heritage sites of special scientific importance, rarity or beauty.

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Q105. Recently, an online learning platform, Shiksha Reform has been launched. This platform is a collaborative effort between which of the following companies and Finland’s Kajaani University of Applied Sciences?

a) Meta
b) Amazon
c) Microsoft
d) Google

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Ans105. (c) Microsoft

- Gujarat's Minister of State for Education, **Praful Pansheriya**, launched the online learning platform **Shiksha Reform** in **Surat**.
- **Shiksha Reform** is a collaborative effort with **Microsoft** and a leading **Finnish university**. It aims to deliver **high-quality courses** by experienced and highly qualified teachers to revolutionize education, particularly in **technology**.

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Q106. Recently, Sadanand Vasant Date has been appointed as Director General of which of the following government agencies?

- Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)
- National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)
- Directorate of Enforcement (ED)
- National Investigation Agency (NIA)

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Ans106. (d) National Investigation Agency (NIA)

National Investigation Agency (NIA)

- The NIA is the Central Counter-Terrorism Law Enforcement Agency of India mandated to investigate all the offences affecting the sovereignty, security and integrity of India. It includes:
 - Friendly relations with foreign states.
 - Against atomic and nuclear facilities.
 - **Smuggling of arms, drugs and fake Indian currency** and infiltration from across the borders.
 - The offences under the **statutory laws enacted to implement international treaties, agreements, conventions and resolutions of the United Nations**, its agencies and other international organisations.
- It was **constituted under the National Investigation Agency (NIA) Act, 2008**.
- The agency is empowered to deal with the investigation of terror related crimes across states **without special permission from the states under written proclamation from the Ministry of Home Affairs**.
- **Headquarters: New Delhi**

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Q107. Recently, International Astronomical Union (IAU) has approved which of the following names for landing site of Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander on the Moon?

- Station Siya Ram
- Station Shiv Shakti
- Station Radha Krishan
- Station Vishnu Lakshmi

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Ans107. (b) Station Shiv Shakti

SPACE
Moon landings
If successful, Chandrayaan-3 will make India the fourth nation to successfully land a spacecraft on the moon, joining the Soviet Union, the United States and China.

Chandrayaan-3 target landing site

Chandrayaan-2 last contact with ground and crash-landed

Chandrayaan-4 mission planned for 2023

Chandrayaan-3 will make India the fourth nation to successfully land a spacecraft on the moon, joining the Soviet Union, the United States and China.

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Q108. Recently, which of the following countries has applied to International Seabed Authority (ISBA), Jamaica, for rights to explore Afanasy Nikitin Seamount (AN Seamount), in the Indian Ocean seabed?

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a) Maldives
b) India
c) Seychelles
d) Indonesia

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Ans108. (b) India

International Seabed Authority (ISA)

- It is an autonomous international organization established in 1994 to regulate mining and related activities in the international seabed beyond national jurisdiction, an area that includes most of the world's oceans.
- The ISA came into existence upon the entry into force of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), which codified international law regarding territorial waters, sea lanes, and ocean resources.
- **Headquarters:** Kingston, Jamaica

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Q109. Recently, Akums Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited has developed India's first indigenous Hydroxyurea oral suspension for the treatment of which of the following disease?

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a) COVID – 19
b) Hemophilia
c) Sickle cell disease
d) Multiple sclerosis

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Ans109. (c) Sickle cell disease




Sickle-Cell Disorder

- **Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)** is an inherited haemoglobin disorder characterised by a genetic mutation that causes red blood cells (RBCs) to assume a sickle or crescent shape rather than their normal round shape.
- This abnormality in RBCs results in increased rigidity, impairing their ability to circulate effectively throughout the body. Consequently, individuals with SCD often experience complications such as anaemia, organ damage, recurrent and severe pain episodes, and a shortened lifespan.
- As per the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, marginalised tribal populations are most vulnerable to SCD.

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Q110. Recently, which of the following cricket team has created a record by scoring highest runs in any Indian Premier League match?

a) Chennai Super Kings (CSK)
b) Rajasthan Royals (RR)
c) Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)
d) Mumbai Indians (MI)

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Ans110. (c) Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH)

List of the Highest Team Totals in the History of IPL (2008 to 2024):-

Rank	Team	Total Score	Against	Year	Location
1	Sunrisers Hyderabad	277/3	Royal Challengers Bengaluru	2024	Bengaluru
2	Sunrisers Hyderabad	287/3	Mumbai Indians	2024	Hyderabad
3	Kolkata Knight Riders	272/7	Delhi Capitals	2024	Visakhapatnam
4	Sunrisers Hyderabad	266/7	Delhi Capitals	2024	Delhi
5	Royal Challengers Bengaluru	263/5	Pune Warriors India	2013	Bengaluru

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Q111. Recently, India has given over second tranche of INR/Nu 5 billion for development of infrastructure related to Gyal Sung Project to which of the following countries?

a) Sri Lanka
b) Nepal
c) Myanmar
d) Bhutan

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Ans111. (d) Bhutan

Which States/Union Territories Share Boundaries with Nepal?



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Q112. Recently, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has released 'Food Waste Index Report 2024'. As per the report, globally, each person wastes about how many kilograms of food annually?

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- a) 75 kilograms
- b) 77 kilograms
- c) 79 kilograms
- d) 81 kilograms

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Ans112. (c) 79 kilograms

Key Highlights of the Report

Magnitude of Food Waste:

- In 2022, the world wasted 1.05 billion tonnes of food, amounting to one fifth (19%) of food available to consumers being wasted, at the retail, food service, and household level.
- That is in addition to the 13% of the world's food lost in the supply chain, as estimated by [FAO \(Food and Agricultural Organization\)](#), from post-harvest up to and excluding retail.

Food Waste and GreenHouse Gas Emission:

- Food loss and waste generates 8-10% of [Global Greenhouse Gas \(GHG\)](#) emissions – almost five times the total emissions from the aviation sector.
- It occurs while a third of humanity faces food insecurity.

Lower Disparity in Food Waste:

- Since the release of the [2021 Food Waste Index Report](#), there has been a significant expansion in data coverage, resulting in a notable reduction in disparities in average per capita household food waste.
- Across high-income, upper-middle income, and lower-middle income countries, the observed average levels of household food waste differ by just 7 kg per capita per year.

Temperature and Food Waste Correlation:

- Hotter countries appear to have more food waste per capita in households, potentially due to increased consumption of fresh foods with substantial inedible parts and lack of robust cold chain.
- Higher seasonal temperatures, extreme heat events, and droughts make it more challenging to store, process, transport, and

Urban-Rural Disparities:

- Middle-income countries display variations between urban and rural populations, with rural areas generally wasting less.
- Possible explanations include greater diversion of food scraps to pets, animal feed, and home composting in rural areas.

Lack Adequate System to Track Progress:

- Many low- and middle-income countries continue to lack adequate systems for tracking progress to meet Sustainable Development Goal 12.3 of halving food waste by 2030, particularly in retail and food services.
- At present, only four G-20 countries (Australia, Japan, UK, US) and the [European Union](#) have food waste estimates suitable for tracking progress to 2030.

Data Variance and Subnational Estimates:

- Countries like India, Indonesia, and South Korea have only subnational estimates regarding food waste, highlighting a gap in comprehensive national data.
- The report suggests that this variance necessitates more inclusive studies to capture a clearer picture of the food waste landscape.

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