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# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

**1. Which of the following Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) 'not' recently (in August '24) has been granted "Navratna status"?**

- 1) Railtel Corporation of India
- 2) Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited
- 3) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation
- 4) Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited
- 5) Central Electronics Limited

**Answer- 5) Central Electronics Limited**

**Explanation:**

Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance, Government of India has granted "**Navratna status**" to **four** Central Public Sector Enterprises (**CPSEs**) viz. Railtel Corporation of India (**RCIL**), Solar Energy Corporation of India (**SECI**) Limited, National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (**NHPC**), and Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd. (**SJVN**).

- With this, the number of Navratna CPSEs has increased to 25 from 21.
- The Navratna scheme was introduced in **1997**. CPSEs eligible for Navratna status must be Miniratna I, **Schedule 'A'**, have an 'excellent' or 'very good' Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) rating for **three** of the last five years, and a Composite Score of 60 or above across six performance parameters.
- New Delhi, Delhi based **RCIL**, a 'mini ratna' PSU under the Ministry of Railways, has been upgraded as the **22nd Navratna CPSE**.
- New Delhi based SECI Ltd, a miniratna Category-I CPSE under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has been upgraded as the **23rd Navratna CPSE**.
- Faridabad, Haryana based NHPC, a mini ratna Category-I CPSE under the Ministry of Power has been upgraded as the **24th Navratna CPSE**.
- Shimla, Himachal Pradesh (HP) based SJVN, a mini ratna, Category-I and Schedule 'A' CPSE under the Ministry of Power, has been upgraded as the **25th Navratna CPSE**.

**2. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS) launched the RESET Programme on the occasion of National Sports Day (August 29, 2024).**

**What does the letter 'E' represent in the acronym RESET?**

- 1) Enrichment
- 2) Empowerment
- 3) Entrepreneurship
- 4) Education
- 5) Engagement

**Answer- 2) Empowerment**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS), launched the '**Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training**' (RESET) Programme on the occasion of National Sports Day (August 29, 2024) in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The initiative aims to support retired athletes by equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary for career development and employability.

- Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh(MP) based **Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education** (LNIPE) will lead the pilot phase of the RESET Programme which offers hybrid learning with self-paced modules, on-ground training, and internships.
- The RESET Programme bridges generational gaps by enabling retired athletes to share their unique skills with aspiring athletes.
- It aims to empower athletes **aged 20-50** who have represented India at international or national levels.

**3. Which of the following points is/are 'correct' with respect to the proposals approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 2nd September 2024?**

**A) Seven major schemes for improving farmers' lives and livelihoods with a total budget outlay of Rs 14,235.30 crore.**

**B) The Cabinet Committee on Security (CSS) has approved the procurement of 240 aero-engines for IAF's Su-30 MKI aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) worth Rs 26,000 crores.**

**C) Setting up of 4th semiconductor unit under India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.**

- 1) Only A & B
- 2) Only A & C
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only B
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- **1) Only A & B**

**Explanation:**

On 2nd September 2024, the Union Cabinet chaired by Narendra Modi, Prime Minister **(PM)** of India has approved:

**i.**Seven major schemes for improving farmers' lives and livelihoods with total budget outlay of Rs 14,235.30 crore.

**ii.**Setting up of 5th semiconductor unit under India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) in Sanand, Gujarat.

**iii.**Cabinet Committee on Security **(CSS)** has approved the procurement of 240 aero-engines for IAF's Su-30 MKI aircraft from HAL worth Rs 26,000 crore.

**iv.**Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs **(CCEA)** has approved a 309 kilometer (km) long new line project, to provide the shortest rail connectivity between two major commercial hubs i.e. Mumbai (Maharashtra) and Indore (Madhya Pradesh (MP)). [Click here to read more](#)

**4. Which of the following points is/are 'correct with respect to the capital acquisition proposals approved by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)?**

**A) DAC Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh accorded the Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for 10 capital acquisition proposals worth Rs 1,44,716 crore.**

**B) The council granted approval for the acquisition of Air Defence Fire Control Radars to detect and track aerial targets and provide firing solutions.**

**C) Approval also granted for Forward Repair Team (Tracked) vehicles for in-situ repairs during mechanized operations, designed and developed by Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL).**

- 1) Only A & B

2) Only A & C

3) Only B & C

4) Only B

5) All A, B & C

Answer- **5) All A, B & C**

**Explanation:**

On September 3, 2024, the Defence Acquisition Council (**DAC**), chaired by Union Minister **Rajnath Singh**, Ministry of Defence (MoD), accorded the Acceptance of Necessity (**AoN**) for 10 capital acquisition proposals worth Rs 1,44,716 crore to boost India's defence preparedness.

- **99%** of the cost is from indigenous sources under Buy (Indian) and Buy (Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured) categories.
- The council granted approval for the acquisition of **Air Defence Fire Control Radars** to detect and track aerial targets and provide firing solutions.
- Approval also granted for **Forward Repair Team** (Tracked) vehicles for in-situ repairs during mechanized operations, designed and developed by Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN) based **Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited** (AVNL). It will be utilized by both mechanized Infantry Battalions and Armoured Regiments.
- Procurement of **Dornier-228 aircraft** for enhanced maritime surveillance.

**5. Which of the following points is/are 'correct' with respect to the newly notified 'Telecommunications (Administration of Digital Bharat Nidhi) Rules, 2024'?**

**A) These new rules aim to enhance the management and implementation of the 'Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN)' initiative.**

**B) DBN will replace the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) created under the Indian Telegraph Act, of 1885.**

**C) The government of India charges telecom operators a levy of 3% of the telcos' Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) to collect funds for USOF.**

1) Only A & B

2) Only A & C

3) Only B & C

4) Only B

5) All A, B & C

Answer- **1) Only A & B**

**Explanation:**

The Department of Telecommunications (**DoT**), Ministry of Communication (MoC) has notified the '**Telecommunications (Administration of Digital Bharat Nidhi) Rules, 2024**' to boost telecom access. These new rules aim to enhance the management and implementation of the '**Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN)**' initiative, which was established under **Section 24(1)** of the Telecommunications Act, 2023.

- It should be noted that the **Universal Service Obligation Fund(USOF)**, originally established by the Indian Telegraph Act of 1885, has been renamed as DBN.
- The government charges telecom operators a levy of 5% of the telcos' Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) to collect funds for USOF.

- The new rules replace rules 523 to 527 of the Indian Telegraph Rules, 1951, which prescribed how the USOF would operate. However, the new rules will not override the existing arrangement until their date of expiry.
- Funds from the DBN will be allocated to projects aimed at **improving telecommunication services** in underserved rural, remote and urban areas, and for underserved groups such as women, persons with disabilities, and economically and socially weaker sections.

**6. Which month was celebrated as the 'Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024 or Nutrition Month 24' by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD)?**

- 1) July
- 2) September
- 3) October
- 4) August
- 5) November

Answer- **2) September**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister **Annpurna Devi Yadav**, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) has launched '**Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024** or Nutrition Month 24' at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

- It is the **7th** series of Rashtriya Poshan Abhiyan, celebrating the entire **month of September** as **Poshan Maah**.
- The month-long campaign aims to further intensify efforts to combat malnutrition and promote holistic well being across India.
- In 2018, the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi launched the '**Rashtriya Poshan Abhiyan** to address malnutrition by emphasising on the nutritional health of pregnant women, nursing mothers, adolescent girls, and children under the age of six.
- Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024 will focus on themes such as Anaemia, Growth Monitoring, Complementary Feeding, PoshanBhiPadhai Bhi (PBPB), Technology for better governance, and Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam.

**7. The President of India Droupadi Murmu has sanctioned the \_\_\_\_\_ Law Commission of India (LCI) for a three-year term from September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2027.**

- 1) 20th
- 2) 21st
- 3) 22nd
- 4) 23rd
- 5) 24th

Answer- **4) 23rd**

**Explanation:**

The President of India Droupadi Murmu has sanctioned the **23rd Law Commission of India (LCI)** for a three-year term, from **September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2027**. The Commission will focus on reviewing and recommending legal reforms and improvements to the legal system.

- The **23rd Law Commission** will have a **full-time Chairperson**, four full-time Members (including a Member-Secretary), a Secretary, the Department of Legal Affairs as an ex officio

Member, the Secretary of the Legislative Department as an ex officio Member, and a maximum of five part-time Members.

- The **first Law Commission** of independent India was established in **1955** for a 3-year term. The then Attorney-General of India, **M. C. Setalvad** was the chairman of this commission.
- The **22nd LIC**, headed by **Justice (retd) Ritu Raj Awasthi** was working on reports on simultaneous elections and a Uniform Civil Code, but had not submitted them to the government before Awasthi left to become a member of the Lokpal in March 2024.

**8. To whom the President of India has delegated the powers to constitute and appoint members of any authority, board, commission or statutory body under any law enacted by the Parliament applicable to the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi.**

- 1) Lieutenant Governor
- 2) Prime Minister
- 3) Chief Minister
- 4) Lokpal Chairman
- 5) Chief Justice of India

Answer- **1) Lieutenant Governor**

**Explanation:**

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, has delegated the powers to **Lieutenant Governor (LG)** of Delhi to constitute and appoint members of any authority, board, commission or statutory body under any law enacted by the Parliament applicable to the Government of National Capital Territory (**NCT**) of Delhi.

- **Article 239** of the Constitution relates to the administration of the Union territories.
- **Section 45D** of the Government of NCT of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2023 relates to power to appoint authorities, boards, commissions or statutory bodies.

**9. Name the Blockchain Technology Stack that was recently (in September '24) launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to provide Blockchain-as-a-Service (BaaS) with a geographically distributed infrastructure.**

- 1) eSankhyiki
- 2) Bima Central
- 3) Vishvasya
- 4) Bhooskhalan
- 5) eSwasthya Dham

Answer- **3) Vishvasya**

**Explanation:**

On 4th September 2024, **S. Krishnan**, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**) launched the **'Vishvasya'-Blockchain Technology Stack**. It is designed to provide Blockchain-as-a-Service (**BaaS**) with a geographically distributed infrastructure to support various permissioned Blockchain based applications.

- This framework aimed at promoting research and application development and to enhance transparency, security, and efficiency in digital service delivery.
- MeitY unveiled a wide range of applications of **Vishvasya BaaS** like e-stamps solution, judiciary application, consent management framework, domicile certificate chain, tracking of agricultural produce, among others.

- The MeitY also launched the 'NBFLite'-Lightweight Blockchain Platform, 'Praamaanik' and **National Blockchain Portal**.
- **NBFLite** is a **blockchain sandbox platform**, which is developed especially to cater the requirements of startups, academia like: rapid prototyping of applications, carrying out research and capacity building.
- **Praamaanik** is an innovative blockchain-enabled solution for verifying mobile application(app) origin and **National Blockchain Portal** to further support blockchain initiatives across the country.
- National Blockchain Portal is based on the Content Management System(**CMS**) to manage the contents related to the NBF initiative.[click here to read more.](#)

#### **Option revision:**

##### **1. Covered in July 2024: eSankhyiki**

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has launched the eSankhyiki portal (<https://esankhyiki.mospi.gov.in/>), an online platform which will offer real-time data to planners, policy-makers, researchers and the general public.

##### **2. Covered in May 2024: Bima Central**

State Bank of India (SBI) General Insurance Company Limited introduced Bima Central, India's 1st insurance portfolio management platform to transform customer experience with innovation. It has collaborated with Bima Central which was developed by CAMS Insurance Repository Services Limited (CAMSSRep).

##### **4. Covered in June 2024: Bhooskhalan**

i. Union Minister Gangapuram (G) Kishan Reddy, Ministry of Coal, and Ministry of Mines inaugurated the National Landslide Forecasting Centre (NLFC) at Geological Survey of India (GSI), Dharitri Campus, Salt Lake City, Kolkata in West Bengal (WB).

ii. He also launched the Bhusanket Web Portal and Bhooskhalan Mobile Application (App).

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**10. Name the India's 1st Fashion Forecasting initiative that was recently (in September 2024) launched by the Union Minister Giriraj Singh, Ministry of Textiles?**

- 1) PRAGATI-2024
- 2) Ideas4LiFE
- 3) SABB
- 4) VisioNxt
- 5) e-FAST India

Answer- **4) VisioNxt**

**Explanation:**

On 5th September 2024, the Union Minister Giriraj Singh, Ministry of Textiles, launched '**VisioNxt**' – **Trend Insight and Forecasting lab**, the India's 1st Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Emotional Intelligence (EI) enabled trend forecasting Initiative developed by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT).

- He also launched the bilingual (Hindi and English) web portal of 'VisioNxt' and India's first ever Fashion Trend Book '**Paridhi 24x25**'.
- VisioNxt was established in response to the 2017 Global Textile Summit, where the need for India-specific fashion trend insights was highlighted.
- It Aims to reduce reliance on global forecasting agencies by offering localized insights for India's fashion industry.
- Key features include a unique AI model, "DeepVision," capable of analyzing over 100 categories of Indian and Western wear.

**11. Which state has recently (in September '24) registered the highest growth in Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) among 10 largest states in Financial Year 2023-24 (FY24)?**

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Assam
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Haryana

Answer- **4) Telangana**

**Explanation:**

According to latest data from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), **Telangana, Tamil Nadu (TN)** and **Rajasthan** have registered the highest growth in real Gross State Domestic Product (**GSDP**) among the 10 largest states in Financial Year 2023-24 (**FY24**).

- Telangana, the 9th biggest state in India, saw its GSDP growth at **9.2%** to reach real GSDP of **Rs 7.9 lakh crore** in FY24. This growth rate has surpassed India's GDP growth of 8.2% recorded in FY24.
- Tamil Nadu (**TN**) which is the **3rd** largest state, saw its GSDP growth at 8.2% to reach **Rs 15.7 lakh crore** in size.
- Rajasthan, the 7th largest state, registered a strong growth, with an 8% increase in its GSDP.
- Despite Telangana, TN and Rajasthan registering the highest GSDP growth, **Maharashtra** remains to be the **largest economy** in India, with a real GSDP of **Rs 24.1 lakh crore** in FY24.

**12. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) organised the two-day first International Solar Festival (ISF) 2024 which was virtually addressed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi?**

- 1) Tata Power Solar Systems Limited
- 2) International Solar Alliance
- 3) National Institute of Solar Energy
- 4) JSW Neo Energy Limited
- 5) International Solar Energy Society

**Answer- 2) International Solar Alliance**

**Explanation:**

On 5 September 2024, **Narendra Modi**, the Prime Minister (PM) of India virtually addressed the **two-day first International Solar Festival (ISF) 2024** organised by the International Solar Alliance (**ISA**) which was held at Bharat Mandapam in **New Delhi**, Delhi.

- The solar energy capacity of India has increased **32-fold** in the last 10 years. It has set a target to achieve **500 Gigawatts** (GWs) of non-fossil power capacity by **2030**.
- It aims to develop affordable, reliable, and sustainable solar energy globally.

**13. Name the new treatment regimen for Multi-Drug Resistant- Tuberculosis (MDR- TB) that was recently (in September '24) approved by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).**

- 1) PREFIRE
- 2) NIRMAN
- 3) Pravah
- 4) BPaLM
- 5) Saksham

**Answer- 4) BPaLM**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (**MoHFW**) has approved the introduction of '**BPaLM**' a new treatment for Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB) under the National TB Elimination Program (**NTEP**) in India.

**i.**The BPaLM regimen consists of four drugs namely **Bedaquiline, Pretomanid, Linezolid** and **Moxifloxacin**, which are more safe, effective and quicker treatment option than the previous Multi-Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis (**MDR-TB**) treatment procedure.

**ii.**The National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP), previously known as Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP), aims to eliminate TB in India by 2025, five years ahead of the Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs).

**14. Which state's transport corporation has recently (in September '24) launched India's first National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) for cashless travel across India?**

- 1) Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)
- 2) Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)
- 3) Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC)
- 4) Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC)
- 5) Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation (GSRTC)

**Answer- 3) Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC)**

**Explanation:**

**Sukhvinder Sukhu**, Chief Minister (CM) of Himachal Pradesh (HP), launched the Himachal Road Transport Corporation's (HRTC) National Common Mobility Card (NCMC), for cashless travel across India, enabling users to access public transportation nationwide without cash, in Shimla, HP.

- This card, a **first** in India, allows cashless travel in public transportation systems across India, making HRTC the **first** State Transport Undertaking (STU) to introduce such an initiative.
- The HRTC NCMC card, developed in collaboration with the State Bank of India (SBI), is a contactless, dual-interface, Europay, Mastercard, and Visa (EMV)-chip-based prepaid card.

**15. In which city the Ministry of Steel (MoS) has recently (in September '24) hosted the event titled "Greening Steel: Pathway to Sustainability"?**

- 1) Bhilai, Chhattisgarh
- 2) Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
- 3) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) Bokaro, Jharkhand

Answer- **4) New Delhi, Delhi**

**Explanation:**

On 10th September 2024, the Ministry of Steel (MoS) successfully hosted the event titled "**Greening Steel: Pathway to Sustainability**" held at C.D. Deshmukh Hall, India International Centre, New Delhi, Delhi.

- Union Minister for Steel H. D. Kumaraswamy, Chief guest of the event, released the report on "**Greening the Steel Sector in India: Roadmap and Action Plan**".
- The key strategies and action plan laid out in the report can help to reduce carbon emissions, which are also in alignment with India's target to achieve net-zero emissions as specified in its Nationally Determined Commitments (NDC).
- The Steel sector in India accounts for **12%** of the total greenhouse gas emission in India, with 2.5 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emission per tonne of crude steel compared to the global average of 1.9 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emission per tonne of crude steel.
- **Sanjay Singh, Former Secretary, MoS**, chaired the technical session titled "**Leadership and Innovation: Driving the Green Steel Transition**" during the event. The session highlighted the important role of visionary leadership and innovation in advancing sustainable steel production. [Click here to read more.](#)

**16. Which Ministry has recently (in September '24) notified certain provisions of the Competition (Amendment) Act, 2023 to restructure the merger control regime with effect from September 10, 2024?**

- 1) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- 2) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- 3) Ministry of Communications
- 4) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 5) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Answer- **5) Ministry of Corporate Affairs**

**Explanation:**

On September 10, 2024, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (**MCA**) notified certain provisions of the **Competition (Amendment) Act, 2023** to restructure the merger control regime with effect from September 10, 2024.

- The aim of these changes is to streamline the merger review process and introduce new standards to assess notifiability of transactions.
- These regulations mandate regulatory clearance from CCI for deals exceeding **Rs 2,000 crore** if the target entity has “Substantial Business Operations(SBOs) in India.”
- Transactions involving entities with assets below **Rs 450 crore** or turnover under Rs 1,250 crore are exempt from CCI approval.

**17. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) introduced “Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR)”, a multi-institutional initiative to boost research in Higher Education Institutions?**

- 1) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- 2) Anusandhan National Research Foundation
- 3) University Grants Commission
- 4) All India Council for Technical Education
- 5) NITI Aayog

Answer- **2) Anusandhan National Research Foundation**

**Explanation:**

On 10th September 2024, **Narendra Modi**, Prime Minister (PM) of India chaired the **1st meeting** of the **Governing Board** of Anusandhan National Research Foundation (**ANRF**) at his residence in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The meeting focused on India’s Science and Technology landscape and discussion on redesigning of research and development (R&D) programmes.
- ANRF introduced “Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (**PAIR**)”, a multi-institutional initiative to enable collaboration between top-tier institutions and those with limited research capabilities.
- ANRF unveiled the Mission for Advancement in High-impact Areas (**MAHA**), a mission mode programme to accelerate research in key strategic and emerging areas.
- ANRF Centre of Excellence (ACE) was introduced to establish world-class research centers with substantial funding support, providing cutting-edge infrastructure for ambitious scientific endeavors.
- ANRF aims to enhance India’s global competitiveness in key areas. ANRF’s programmes on solution focused research will focus on sectors like solar cells, health technology, smart infrastructure, and sustainable agriculture.
- The foundation’s initiatives align with India’s goals for **Viksit Bharat 2047**, integrating global best practices.

**18. Which of the following points is/are correct with respect to the approval of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 11, 2024?**

**A) Mission Mausam, an initiative with an outlay of Rs 2,000 crore over two years to revolutionize India’s weather and climate sciences by enhancing research, forecasting, and climate resilience has been approved.**

**B) PM-eBus Sewa-Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) scheme with an outlay of Rs 3,435.33 crore to promote e-bus adoption, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and decrease fossil fuel consumption has been approved.**

**C) The proposal for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-IV (PMGSY-IV) 2025-26 to 2029-30, with a total outlay of Rs 70,125 crore has been approved.**

1) Only A & B

2) Only A & C

3) Only B & C

4) Only C

5) All A, B & C

**Answer- 1) Only A & B**

**Explanation:**

On September 11, 2024, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister **(PM) Narendra Modi** has approved the following:

- The Union Cabinet has approved **Mission Mausam**, an initiative with an outlay of **Rs 2,000 crore** over two years. Led by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), this mission aims to revolutionize India's weather and climate sciences by enhancing research, forecasting, and climate resilience.
- The mission will provide highly accurate monsoon forecasts, air quality alerts, and information on extreme weather events like cyclones.
- **"PM-eBus Sewa-Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) scheme"** with an outlay of **Rs 3,435.33 crore** for the procurement and operation of over 38,000 electric buses(e-Buses) by Public Transport Authorities (PTAs) from **FY 2024-25 (FY25) to FY 2028-29 (FY29)**.
- This scheme aims to promote e-bus adoption, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and decrease fossil fuel consumption.
- The proposal of Department of Rural Development(DoRD) under the Ministry of Rural Development(MoRD) for the implementation of **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-IV (PMGSY-IV)** for the Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-25 to 2028-29, with a total outlay of **Rs 70,125 crore**.
- The scheme aims to provide **62,500** kilometer (km) of all-weather roads, connecting 25,000 unconnected habitations across various regions, including plains, hill states, and special category areas.
- The proposal of the Ministry of Heavy Industries **(MHI)** for implementation of the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement **(PM E-DRIVE) Scheme**, with an outlay of **Rs 10,900 crore** over two years.
- The Ministry of Power(MoP) proposal to modify the scheme of budgetary support for Enabling Infrastructure for **Hydro Electric Projects (HEP)** with an outlay of **Rs 12,461 crore**, the scheme will be implemented from **FY25 to FY32**, targeting the development of hydro power projects and infrastructure in remote areas.
- Health coverage for all senior citizens aged 70 years and above, regardless of income, under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). This initiative will

provide health insurance coverage of **Rs 5 lakh** per year on a family basis for senior citizens aged 70 and above. [Click here to read more.](#)

**19. The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) recently (in September '24) launched its 4 key initiatives at its 1st Foundation Day event at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.**

**Which ministry does I4C come under?**

- 1) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 2) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Cooperation
- 4) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- 5) Ministry of Defence

**Answer- 2) Ministry of Home Affairs**

**Explanation:**

On 10th September 2024, Union Minister **Amit Shah**, Ministry of Home Affairs (**MHA**) and Ministry of Cooperation (MoC) addressed the event organised to mark the **1st Foundation Day** of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (**I4C**) as the Chief Guest at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi. He also unveiled the new logo, vision and mission of I4C.

- During the event, Amit Shah launched **4 key initiatives** – Cyber Fraud Mitigation Centre (**CFMC**), **Samanvay platform**, **Cyber Commandos programme** and **Suspect Registry**– for prevention of cyber crime.
- **CFMC** has been established at I4C headquarters in New Delhi, Delhi with representatives from various major banks, financial intermediaries, payment aggregators, telecom service providers, Information Technology (IT) intermediaries, and States/ Union Territories (UTs) Law Enforcement Agencies (**LEAs**).
- **Samanvay Platform**, a Joint Cybercrime Investigation Facilitation System, is a web-based module that will act as a unified portal for data repository of cybercrime, data sharing, crime mapping, data analytics and coordination among various states/ UTs LEAs.
- **Cyber Commando Programme** will establish a special wing of trained 'Cyber Commandos' who will be trained to counter threats of cyber security.
- Under this initiative, **Cyber Suspect Registry** at the national level will be created and the state level registries will be connected to create a common platform to fight cyber crime. [Click here to read more.](#)

**20. Which of the following is 'not' one of the six initiatives launched as part of the 100-day achievements of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (MPA) in New Delhi, Delhi in September 2024?**

- 1) National e-Vidhan Application
- 2) NeVA Public Portal version 2.0
- 3) Consultative Committee Management System
- 4) Agricultural Centralized Processing Cells
- 5) NYPS for Eklavya Model Residential Schools

**Answer- 4) Agricultural Centralized Processing Cells**

**Explanation:**

On September 11, 2024, The Union Minister **Kiren Rijiju**, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (**MPA**) launched **six initiatives** as part of the **100-day** achievements of the **MPA** in New Delhi, Delhi. These

initiatives aim to improve decision-making, advance real-time governance, and achieve a **paperless** legislative environment.

- The upgraded version of the National e-Vidhan Application (**NeVA 2.0**) will feature a more user-friendly interface and enhanced integration with state legislative processes.
- The upgraded version of the **NeVA Public Portal version 2.0** will enhance the software to achieve a paperless legislative environment and promote real-time governance.
- Based on the recommendation in the 28th report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (COSL), a portal Subordinate Legislation Management System (**SLMS**) was developed, which will provide a single window interface to bring various stakeholders on a single platform resulting in enhanced decision-making and performance for the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.
- The Consultative Committee Management System (**CCMS**) portal has been envisioned and created to bring together three stakeholders namely Member of Parliament (MP), Union ministries, and the MPA on the same platform.
- The National Youth Parliament Scheme (**NYPS**) **Portal 2.0** aims to enhance participation by opening it up to all citizens, irrespective of students from recognized educational institutions.
- The Union Minister has also introduced a new scheme of the **National Youth Parliament Competition** (NYPS) for students of EMRSs.

**21. Which of the following points is/are correct with respect to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT's) recent (in September '24) simplification of the approval process for telecom licenses?**

**A) DoT has revised its processes for issuing Experimental Licenses, Demonstration Licenses, and Equipment Type Approvals (ETA).**

**B) For cases not requiring Inter-Ministerial Consultation (IMC), Demonstration licenses will be deemed granted after 15 days.**

**C) All applications of ETA for license-exempt wireless devices are now granted on a self-declaration basis.**

1) Only A & B

2) Only A & C

3) Only B & C

4) Only C

5) All A, B & C

Answer- **5) All A, B & C**

**Explanation:**

The Department of Telecommunications (**DoT**) under the Ministry of Communications (**MoC**) has revised its processes for issuing **Experimental Licenses, Demonstration Licenses**, and Equipment Type Approvals (**ETA**), to enhance the ease of doing business in the telecommunications (telecom) sector.

- These changes, based on the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (**TRAI**) recommendations, aim to reduce time delays, foster innovation, and streamline regulatory processes in the telecom sector.
- For cases not requiring Inter-Ministerial Consultation (IMC), the Experimental Licenses (Radiating Category) will be deemed issued after 30 days if no decision is conveyed.
- Without IMC, Demonstration Licenses will be deemed granted after 15 days.

- All applications of ETA for license-exempt wireless devices are now granted on a self-declaration basis.
- Applicants can submit their applications through the SARAL Sanchar (Simplified Application For Registration And Licenses) portal and download ETA certificates upon successful submission.

**22. In which state, India's first silicon carbide manufacturing facility is to be built?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Goa
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Rajasthan

Answer- **1) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

Mohan Charan Majhi, the Chief Minister (CM) of **Odisha** has presided over the ground breaking ceremony of **India's first silicon carbide** manufacturing facility to be built at the EMC Park in Infovalley in Bhubaneswar (Odisha) with an investment of **Rs 620 crore**.

- The project was developed by Mumbai (Maharashtra) based **RIR Power Electronics Limited** (formerly Ruttonsha International Rectifier Limited).
- The products manufactured at the facility will be exported to foreign markets such as North America, Europe, and Asia, and used in industries such as defence, transportation, aerospace, and sustainable energy.

**23. Which ministry has partnered with the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) to organise the National Social Mobilization Campaign 'Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS)-2024' from 17th September to 2nd October 2024?**

- 1) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 2) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 3) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 5) Ministry of Education

Answer- **3) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs**

**Explanation:**

Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS)-2024, the annual National Social Mobilization Campaign, with the theme "**Swabhav Swachhata- Sanskaar Swachhata**", is being observed from 17th September to 2nd October 2024.

The campaign is being jointly organised by the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS), and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (**MoHUA**).

- The **theme** of the **SHS 2024** is promoting cleanliness as a daily habit. The **objective** of SHS 2024 is to facilitate large-scale advocacy and citizen participation in mega cleanliness drives, the clearing of dirty and difficult garbage spots (black spots), and sanitation worker recognition.
- The **3 key pillars** of the 4S campaign are, **Swachhata Ki Bhaagidari** (Public participation and awareness in cleanliness), **Sampoorna Swachhata** (Mega cleanliness drives and



transformation of Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs)), and **SafaiMitra Suraksha Shivir** (Health and safety camps for sanitation workers).

- The SHS campaign, observed annually since 2017, has been a precursor to Swachh Bharat Diwas (SBD), which commemorates the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October.

**24. Which institution has been recently (in September '24) notified as a Public Financial Institution (PFI) by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) under the Section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013?**

- 1) Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited
- 2) National Housing Bank
- 3) National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
- 4) Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Limited
- 5) National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development

**Answer- 5) National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Government of India (GoI) in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) notified the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) as a Public Financial Institution (PFI) under the Section 2 of the **Companies Act, 2013**.

- NaBFID is a specialised Development Finance Institution (DFI) in India.
- This designation will help NaBFID to finance large-scale infrastructure projects, which will help strengthen India's infrastructure development.
- NaBFID was established in **2021** as a DFI under the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development Act 2021.

**25. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) approved the National Test House (NTH) at Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) as a Certification Body for Type certification of drones?**

- 1) Quality Council of India
- 2) Bureau of Indian Standards
- 3) Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India
- 4) National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies
- 5) Indian Standards Institution

**Answer- 1) Quality Council of India**

**Explanation:**

The National Test House (NTH), North Region (NR), **Ghaziabad**, Uttar Pradesh (UP), has been provisionally approved by the Quality Council of India (QCI) as a **Certification Body for Type certification of drones** or Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) under the Certification Scheme for UAS. The National Test House becomes the **1st Government Body** to Certify Drones in India.

- NTH offers drone certification services at a competitive fee of Rs 1.5 lakh, the lowest in the industry, supporting India's "Make in India" and "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-reliant India) initiatives.
- NTH, established in 1912, is under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MOCA, F&PD).
- QCI is an autonomous organization under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I).

**26. In September 2024, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council reduced the GST rate on cancer drugs Trastuzumab Deruxtecan, Osimertinib and Durvalumab to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 12%
- 2) 16%
- 3) 28%
- 4) 5%
- 5) 18%

Answer- **4) 5%**

**Explanation:**

The **54th** Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting chaired by Union Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**, Ministry of Finance (MoF) was held on 9th September, 2024 at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.

- Among several recommendations by the GST Council, the most notable was the reduction of the GST rate on **cancer drugs** Trastuzumab Deruxtecan, Osimertinib and Durvalumab from **12% to 5%**.
- The GST Council has clarified that Roof Mounted Package Unit (RMPU) Air Conditioning Machines for Railways will be classified under **HSN 8415** and will attract a GST rate of **28%**.
- The GST Council recommended to introduce a pilot project for Business-to-Consumer (B2C) e-invoicing, after the successful implementation of e-invoicing of B2B transactions. It will be rolled out on voluntary basis in selected sectors and states.
- On 15th September 2024, the GST Council headed by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman constituted a **13-member** Group of Ministers (GoM) to suggest GST rate on various health and life insurance products. It has also directed GoM to submit its report by **October 30, 2024**. Samrat Chaudhary, Deputy Chief Minister (CM), Bihar is the convener of the GoM. [Click here to read more](#)

**List of Goods with Revised GST Rates:**

| S.NO. | Name of Items   | Previous GST Rate | New GST Rate |
|-------|---|-------------------|--------------|
| 1.    | Cancer Drugs Trastuzumab Deruxtecan, Osimertinib and Durvalumab | 12%               | 5%           |
| 2.    | Savoury Snacks  | 18%               | 12%          |
| 3.    | Metal Scraps  | 18%               | 12%          |
| 4.    | Car Seats   | 18%               | 28%          |

**27. What is the new name of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands' capital, Port Blair?**

- 1) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Dweep
- 2) Sri Vijaya Puram
- 3) Bharatpur
- 4) Atal Nagar
- 5) Swaraj Dweep

Answer- **2) Sri Vijaya Puram**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister **Amit Shah**, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has announced that **Port Blair**, the Capital city of the Union Territory (UT) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands will be renamed as '**Sri Vijaya Puram**'.

- Sri Vijaya Puram represents India's victory in the freedom struggle, and also the Andaman and Nicobar Islands' unique role in it.
- Andamans are well known for its pristine natural beauty, abundant marine life, flora and fauna spread around 836 islands, islets and rocks.
- In January 2023, the Ross Island, an island of the Andaman Islands was renamed to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Dweep.
- In 2018, the Neil Island and Havelock Island of Andaman were also renamed as Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep.

**28. Which lifestyle brand has recently (in September '24) collaborated with the MSME Ministry to empower India's Artisanal Heritage under the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Scheme?**

- 1) Manyavar
- 2) Allen Solly
- 3) Raymond
- 4) Fabindia
- 5) AJIO

Answer- **4) Fabindia**

**Explanation:**

**Fabindia Limited**, India's leading lifestyle brand has collaborated with the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (**MoMSME**) to empower India's Artisanal Heritage under the Pradhan Mantri (**PM**) **Vishwakarma Scheme**.

- The aim of the initiative is to enhance the livelihoods of India's traditional artisans like Potters, Carpenters, Boat Maker, Weavers, Sculptor, Stone Breaker and other skilled craftsmen, by promoting their products and expanding their market reach.
- Fabindia will incorporate artisan-made products into its retail network, providing them a platform to demonstrate and sell their goods across markets.
- PM Vishwakarma scheme is a **Central Sector Scheme**, which was launched by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on 17th September, 2023.

**29. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) introduced strict Environmental Compensation (EC) guidelines to penalise violations of the Battery Waste Management (BWM) Rules, 2022?**

- 1) Energy and Resources Institute
- 2) Council on Energy, Environment and Water
- 3) United Nations Environment Programme
- 4) Central Pollution Control Board

5) National Environmental Engineering Research Institute

Answer- 4) **Central Pollution Control Board**

**Explanation:**

On September 10 2024, the Central Pollution Control Board (**CPCB**), Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change (**MoEFCC**) has introduced strict Environmental Compensation (EC) guidelines to penalise violations of the Battery Waste Management (**BWM**) Rules, 2022.

- **Aim:** To promote proper battery waste management practices and enhance environmental sustainability across the country.
- The CPCB has been responsible for developing and implementing guidelines for imposing and collecting EC from non-compliant entities. The EC will be imposed for non-compliances unrelated to EPR shortfalls.
- The guidelines impose penalties not only for failing to comply with battery waste disposal regulations, but also for failing to meet metal-specific Extended Producer Responsibility (**EPR**) targets.
- The application fee for registration under the BWM Rules is equal to the EC, which is set at **Rs 20,000** for a first default. It doubles to **Rs 40,000** for the second default and goes up to **Rs 80,000** for the third.
- If deposits are made **within a month** of the deadline, there will be an annual interest charge of **12%** on the initial amount. There will be a **24%** annual interest rate applied to deposits made **after one month** but within three months.

**30. External Affairs Minister Jaishankar has recently (in September '24) released the commemorative stamps for celebrating the 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and**

- 1) Romania
- 2) Hungary
- 3) Bhutan
- 4) Nepal
- 5) Mongolia

Answer- **1) Romania**

**Explanation:**

On 17 September 2024, **Union Minister, Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar**, Ministry of External Affairs (**MEA**), along with Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, Ministry of Communications (MoC), and Daniela-Mariana Sezonov, Ambassador of Romania to India, released the **India-Romania joint commemorative stamps** in New Delhi(Delhi), celebrating **75 years** of diplomatic relations between India and Romania.

- The event is part of broader celebrations marking the **75th anniversary of diplomatic bilateral relations** and the **10th anniversary** of their **extensive partnership**.
- India and Romania established diplomatic relations in **1948** and raised it to the Ambassadorial level in 1968.
- A Joint Declaration marking the 10th Anniversary of the signing of the Joint Statement on Establishing an Extensive Partnership was issued in February 2024.

**31. Which of the following points is/are correct with respect to the approval of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 18th September 2024?**

- A) The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the two umbrella schemes of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) merged as one scheme Bio-RIDE with a new component called Biomanufacturing and Biofoundry.**
- B) With a total budget of Rs. 79,156 crores, the Union Cabinet has approved the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan.**
- C) The Chandrayaan-3 mission which aims to gather and evaluate technologies for returning to Earth following a successful lunar landing and also collect moon samples and analyse them on Earth.**

- 1) Only A & B
- 2) Only A & C
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only C
- 5) All A, B & C

**Answer- 1) Only A & B**

**Explanation:**

On 18th September 2024, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has approved the following:

**i.** Recommendations of High-Level Committee on Simultaneous Elections.

**ii.** Bio-RIDE scheme to support cutting-edge research and development in Biotechnology.

- The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the two umbrella schemes of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), merged as one scheme- '**Biotechnology Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (Bio- RIDE)**' with a new component called Biomanufacturing and Biofoundry.
- The scheme has **three** broad components: Biotechnology Research and Development (R&D), Industrial & Entrepreneurship Development (I&ED) and Biomanufacturing and Biofoundry.

**iii.** Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan with a total outlay of Rs. 79,156 crores for 5 years.

- This will cover around **63,000** villages benefitting more than 5 crore tribal people as announced in the Budget Speech 2024-25.

**iv.** Continuation of schemes of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) with the outlay of **Rs. 35,000 crores**.

**v.** Chandrayaan-4 to develop and demonstrate the technologies to come back to Earth after successfully landing on the Moon.

- The **Chandrayaan-4** mission will achieve the foundational technologies capabilities for a landing on the moon by the year 2040 and return safely back to Earth.

**vi.** Development of Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM) for exploring and studying Venus.

**vii.** Development of Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV) for Bharat with the total outlay of the project **Rs. 8240.00 crore**.

**viii.** Building the first unit of the Bharatiya Anatriksh Station (BAS) with a net additional funding of **Rs. 11,170 Crore**.

**ix.** Establishment of the National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR).

**x.** Fixing the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for RABI Season, 2024 (from 01.10.2024 to 31.03.2025) on Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilisers. **[Click here to read more.](#)**

**32. Which organization has recently (in September '24) received the approval to take over Mahi Banswara project in Rajasthan and to construct nuclear power plants in India?**

- 1) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
- 2) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited
- 3) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
- 4) Anushakti Vidhyut Nigam Limited
- 5) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

**Answer- 4) Anushakti Vidhyut Nigam Limited**

**Explanation:**

The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Government of India (GoI) has approved the transfer of 4×700 Megawatt electric (MWe) Mahi Banswara Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (MBRAPP) at Mahi Banswara in Rajasthan, based on indigenous Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWR) technology, from Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) to Anushakti Vidhyut Nigam Limited (ASHVINI).

- ASHVINI is a Joint Venture (JV) between the NPCIL (51%) and NTPC Limited, formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation (49%).
- ASHVINI has been authorised to build, own, and operate nuclear power plants in India under the existing legislative framework.
- This JV will combine the financial and technical resources for the rapid growth of nuclear power capacity in India in order to meet the **Net Zero targets by 2070**.
- India has set ambitious targets to increase its nuclear power capacity from the existing 8,180 MW to 22,800 MW by 2031-32.

**33. Which ministry has recently (in September '24) launched 'Amrit Catla' at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research -Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, Odisha?**

- 1) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- 2) Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways
- 3) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- 4) Ministry of Culture
- 5) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

**Answer- 1) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister **Rajiv Ranjan Singh** (Lalan Singh), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD) has launched 'Amrit Catla', a new genetically improved variety of the freshwater fish Catla (Labeo catla) at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research -Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

- The Amrit Catla was given to Uttara (Odisha) based National Freshwater Fish Brood Bank (NFFBB) of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), ensuring its wider availability and distribution to farmers across India.
- The Amrit Catla project was recognized nationally with the Best Technology Award at the **96th ICAR Foundation and Technology Day** on July 16, 2024, and was formally trademarked as 'CIFA-Amrit Catla' on August 1, 2024.

**34. Which state has recently (in September '24) decided to celebrate Praja Palana Day on September 17?**

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Assam
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Telangana

**Answer- 5) Telangana**

**Explanation:**

The Telangana State government has decided to celebrate September 17th of every year as **Telangana Praja Palana Day** (the Day of People's Governance).

- September 17 is the day on which **Hyderabad merged** with the Indian Union in **1948**, following a police action under Operation Polo.
- Previously, the Government of India (GoI) had decided to celebrate September 17 as Hyderabad Liberation Day.

**35. Which State/Union Territory recently (in September' 24) celebrates the Zanskar Festival?**

- 1) Puducherry
- 2) Chandigarh
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Chhattisgarh
- 5) Ladakh

**Answer- 5) Ladakh**

**Explanation:**

Lieutenant Governor (**LG**) of the Union Territory (UT) of **Ladakh**, along with First Lady Neelam Mishra, inaugurated the **9th Ladakh Zanskar Festival 2024**, a two-day mega festival dedicated to honouring the Zanskar region's rich heritage and traditions, at **Sani**, in Zanskar sub-division, Ladakh.

- The festival was organised by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, Department of Tourism and Culture, Ladakh, and the District Administration of Kargil, Ladakh on 13 and 14 September 2024.
- The 2024 Zanskar Festival marked the **1st celebration** since Zanskar was officially declared a district.

**36. Which organisation has recently (in September 2024) developed the Integrated Ocean Energy Atlas of the Indian EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone)?**

- 1) World Meteorological Organization
- 2) International Hydrographic Organization
- 3) Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services
- 4) National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research
- 5) Indian Ocean Observing System

**Answer- 3) Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services**

**Explanation:**

**Dr M Ravichandran**, Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (**MoES**) launched the **Integrated Ocean Energy Atlas** of the Indian **EEZ** (Exclusive Economic Zone), a pioneering initiative by the

Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (**INCOIS**), a unit of the Earth System Science Organization (**ESSO**) and an autonomous body under the MoES.

- The Integrated Ocean Energy Atlas showcases the renewable energy potential within India's EEZ.
- It identifies areas with high energy generation potential, serving as a vital resource for policymakers, industries, and researchers.
- The Atlas estimates 9.2 lakh Terawatt-hours (TWh) of annual ocean energy for 5 sectors within the Indian EEZ.

**37. Which ministry has recently (in September '24) announced that Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) subscribers can withdraw up to Rs 1 lakh from their Provident Fund (PF) accounts for personal financial need?**

- 1) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- 2) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- 4) Ministry of Labour & Employment
- 5) Ministry of Finance

**Answer- 4) Ministry of Labour & Employment**

**Explanation:**

On 17th September 2024, the Union Minister **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya**, Ministry of Labour & Employment (**MoL&E**) announced that now subscribers of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (**EPFO**) can withdraw **up to Rs 1 lakh** from their Provident Fund (PF) accounts for personal financial needs, an increase from the current limit of Rs 50,000.

- He also announced that employees who have not completed **6 months** in the current job are now eligible to withdraw amounts, which was earlier prohibited.
- He informed that Government of India (GoI) is currently working on the proposal to increase the income ceiling under the EPFO and Employees' State Insurance Corporation (**ESIC**) from the current **Rs 15,000** per month and **Rs 21,000** respectively.
- The Government of India (GoI) is currently working on the proposal to increase the income ceiling under the EPFO and Employees' State Insurance Corporation (**ESIC**) from the current **Rs 15,000** per month and **Rs 21,000** respectively. [Click here to read more.](#)

**38. Which State Election Commission (SEC) has successfully carried out a paperless voting process for the first time in India during its panchayat by-election in September 2024?**

- 1) Chhattisgarh
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Maharashtra

**Answer- 4) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

**Madhya Pradesh** (MP) State Election Commission (**SEC**) conducted a **paperless voting process** for the **first time** in India. It was implemented as a pilot project during a **Panchayat by-election** in **Ratua Ratanpur** village, Berasia tehsil in **Bhopal** (MP) for the post of **Sarpanch** and recorded 84% turnout.



- The process aims to computerise the manual parts of the voting process that were previously done on paper.
- The new system uses thumb impressions and electronic signatures for voter identification, ensuring authenticity and eliminating proxy voting.

**39. Which organisation has recently (in September 2024) collaborated with SISA Information Security Private Limited to launch the Certified Security Professional for Artificial Intelligence (CSPA) program?**

- 1) Indian Computer Emergency Response Team
- 2) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing
- 3) Centre for Development of Telematics
- 4) Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research
- 5) National Informatics Centre

**Answer- 1) Indian Computer Emergency Response Team**

**Explanation:**

On September 23, 2024, the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (**CERT-In**) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**), in collaboration with **SISA Information Security Private Limited**, launched the **Certified Security Professional for Artificial Intelligence (CSPA)** program, the **first of its kind** ANSI National Accreditation Board (**ANAB**) accredited Artificial Intelligence (AI) security certification.

- The program aims to equip security professionals with the knowledge to integrate AI into business applications while ensuring sustainable and secure practices.

**40. Which ministry has recently (in September '24) launched the 2nd edition of the 'Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 2.0' in New Delhi, Delhi?**

- 1) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 2) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Rural Development
- 4) Ministry of Education
- 5) Ministry of Home Affairs

**Answer- 1) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

**Explanation:**

On 24th September 2024, Union Minister of State (MoS) **Prataprao Ganpatrao Jadhav**, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) launched the **2nd** edition of the **Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 2.0** at a hybrid event held at Lady Hardinge Medical College in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The key objective of the campaign is to protect the health and well-being of young people from the harmful effects of tobacco.
- During the launch event, he virtually inaugurated **Tobacco Cessation Centres** in medical institutions across India.
- The campaign will run for **60 days** and it will focus on providing educational materials, promoting initiatives like enforcement drives and Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities and establishment of Tobacco-free villages, etc.
- The campaign also underscores a '**whole of government**' approach by fostering partnership and coordination between 7 ministries.

- All participants present at the event took the '**Say No To Tobacco**' pledge to remain tobacco-free.
- During the event, **3 important guidelines** namely, Health Workers Guide, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Villages to be Tobacco Free and the Guidelines for Law Enforcers for Effective Implementations of Tobacco Control Laws were launched. [Click here to read more.](#)

**41. Which organisation has recently (in September 2024) launched Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) Hackathon 2.0 to foster innovation and develop digital solutions to tackle challenges in the logistics industry?**

- 1) NICDC Logistics Data Services Limited
- 2) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- 3) Indian Space Research Organisation
- 4) Reserve Bank of India
- 5) National Aeronautics and Space Administration

**Answer- 1) NICDC Logistics Data Services Limited**

**Explanation:**

On September 25, 2024, NICDC Logistics Data Services Limited (**NLDSL**) in collaboration with NITI Aayog – Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and Startup India launched the Unified Logistics Interface Platform (**ULIP**) **Logixtics Hackathon 2.0** at the event chaired by **Rajeev Singh Thakur**, Additional Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoC&I), took place at Vanijya Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.

- This competitive event aims to drive innovation and create digital solutions to address the logistics industry's pressing challenges.
- During the event, the Track Your Transport (**TYT**) **Application** (App), powered by the ULIP, was also launched to simplify logistics.
- ULIP Logixtics Hackathon 2.0 builds on the success of the first edition in December 2021, which resulted in innovative solutions for the logistics and supply chain sector.
- ULIP is one of the key initiatives under Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti (National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity), launched by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi as part of the National Logistics Policy (NLP) on 17th September 2022.

**42. Which organisation/ministry has recently (in September 2024) established the Rail Rakshak Dal in the North Western Railway (NWR) zone to respond to train accidents and conduct rescue operations.**

- 1) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 2) Indian Railways
- 3) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 4) Ministry of Defence
- 5) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation

**Answer- 2) Indian Railways**

**Explanation:**

On 24th September 2024, The Indian Railways established **Rail Rakshak Dal** in the **North Western Railway (NWR)** zone for the first time as a part of a pilot project which aims to promptly respond to train accidents and conduct rescue operations.

- The primary goal of the Rail Rakshak Dal is to provide assistance to the Railways and support district administration in times of emergencies.
- Rail Rakshak Dal has been formed under the direct supervision of Union Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw**, Ministry of Railways.
- This initiative involves deploying Physically fit railway staff, training them in skills like swimming and utilising lightweight equipment to assist during emergencies.

**43. Who has recently (in September '24) unveiled commemorative coin to celebrate Platinum Jubilee of the Central Silk Board (CSB)?**

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Giriraj Singh
- 3) Eknath Shinde
- 4) Siddaramaiah
- 5) Amit Shah

Answer- **2) Giriraj Singh**

**Explanation:**

On 20th September 2024, Union Minister Giriraj Singh, Ministry of Textile, unveiled the **Commemorative coin** of the denomination **Rs 75** during an event organised to celebrate the **Platinum Jubilee** (75th Anniversary) of the **Central Silk Board (CBS)** in Mysuru, Karnataka.

- The Union Minister also launched a Coffee Table Book titled CSB in the Service of the Nation Since 1949 and a postal cover featuring the CSB 75 Years Logo.
- The Government of Independent India enacted the CSB Act 1948 on **20th September 1948**.
- The coin made of Quaternary alloy (50% silver, 40% Copper, 5% Nickel and 5% Zinc) weighs 35 grams and has a diameter of 44 millimetres (mm).
- Four new technologies, namely **Nirmool, Seri-win, Mr. Pro, and a trapping machine** were unveiled during the event.
- During the event, the CBS exchanged Memoranda of Understanding (**MoUs**) with institutions like the Indian Council of Agricultural Research- Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (**ICAR-CIFRI**) in Barrackpore, West Bengal (WB); **Jain University** in Bengaluru, and Assam Agricultural University (**AAU**) in Jorhat (Assam) to strengthen cooperative efforts in sericulture research and training.
- The official **website** of **Silk Mark Organization of India (SMOI)** was also launched during the event.
- The Ministry of Textiles (MoT) has notified the **Medical Textiles (Quality Control) Order, 2023** which is set to take effect on **1st October 2024**.
- On 10th August 2024, Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh launched **Eri sericulture promotional project** at Sardarkrushinagar, Palanpur in Gujarat. [Click here to read more.](#)

**44. What is the name of the supercomputer that was recently (in September '24) launched by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi?**

- 1) PARAM Siddhi
- 2) PARAM Shivay
- 3) PARAM Rudra
- 4) PARAM Utkarsh
- 5) PARAM Pravega

Answer- **3) PARAM Rudra**

**Explanation:**

On 26th September 2024, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi dedicated **3 'PARAM Rudra' Supercomputers** worth **Rs 130 crore** to the nation via video conferencing. These supercomputers are developed indigenously under the National Supercomputing Mission (**NSM**).

- These supercomputers have been deployed in New Delhi (Delhi), Pune (Maharashtra) and Kolkata (West Bengal, WB) to provide pioneering scientific research.
- Pune based Giant Metro Radio Telescope (**GMRT**) will leverage the supercomputer to explore Fast Radio Bursts (FRBs) and other astronomical phenomena.
- The Government of India (GoI) has announced a research fund of **Rs 1 lakh crore** in the Union Budget for Financial Year 2024-25 (FY25).
- On 26th September 2026, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated a High-Performance Computing (**HPC**) system tailored for weather and climate research, acquired by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
- This project is developed with an investment of **Rs 850 crore**, marking a significant step in India's computational capabilities for meteorological applications. [Click here to read more.](#)

**45. Who has recently (in September '24) become the first woman fighter pilot to join the Indian Air Force's (IAF) 18 Flying Bullets squadron?**

- 1) Subhasri Sriram
- 2) Rekha Sharma
- 3) Anjali Gupta
- 4) Mohana Singh
- 5) Jyoti Vij

Answer- **4) Mohana Singh**

**Explanation:**

Squadron Leader **Mohana Singh** has become the **1st woman fighter pilot** to join the Indian Air Force's (**IAF**) **18 Flying Bullets squadron**, which operates India's indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft (**LCA**) **Tejas fighter jets**. The Flying Bullets squadron is stationed at Naliya Air Base in the Gujarat sector, along the border with Pakistan.

- Mohana Singh was among the **first 3 female fighter pilots** commissioned into the IAF in 2016, alongside Squadron Leaders **Bhawana Kanth** and **Avani Chaturvedi**.
- She made history as the first woman in the IAF to fly a "Hawk" aircraft during daylight hours in 2019.
- She was honoured with the Naari Shakti Award in 2020, recognizing her achievements alongside Avani Chaturvedi and Bhawna Kanth.

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**1. Which organisation has recently (in August 2024) released 100 million USD for critical underfunding of emergencies across 10 countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia, and the Middle East?**

- 1) United Nations
- 2) Asian Development Bank
- 3) Deutsche Bank AG
- 4) World Bank
- 5) International Monetary Fund

Answer- **1) United Nations**

## **Explanation:**

On August 30, 2024, the United Nations (**UN**) released **USD 100 million** from the Central Emergency Response Fund (**CERF**), the UN global emergency response fund, to tackle critical underfunding in humanitarian emergencies across **10 countries** in **Africa**, the **Americas**, **Asia**, and the **Middle East**.

- This is **CERF's 2nd allocation** for underfunded emergencies for **2024**, following the release of USD 100 million in February 2024 for 7 countries.
- The fund will support aid operations in **Yemen** (USD 20 million) and **Ethiopia** (USD 15 million), where people face compounded crises of hunger, displacement, disease, and climate disasters.
- Other allocations include **Myanmar** (USD 12 million), **Mali** (USD 11 million), **Burkina Faso** (USD 10 million), **Haiti** (USD 9 million), **Cameroon** (USD 7 million), and **Mozambique** (USD 7 million).
- Countries responding to El Niño-induced drought and flooding, such as **Burundi** (USD 5 million) and **Malawi** (USD 4 million), also received additional funds.

**2. Which country and India has recently (in September '24) launched the Infrastructure Financing Bridge to enhance their financial and professional services collaboration?**

- 1) Nepal
- 2) Peru
- 3) United Kingdom
- 4) Azerbaijan
- 5) Spain

Answer- **3) United Kingdom**

## **Explanation:**

The United Kingdom (**UK**) and **India** have launched the **UK – India Infrastructure Financing Bridge** (UKIIFB), a new initiative aimed at enhancing their financial and professional services collaboration.

- The UKIIFB agreement was signed between the **City of London Corporation Limited** and **NITI Aayog** (National Institution for Transforming India) in London, UK.
- The initiative leverages the UK's expertise in project planning and phasing to attract long-term infrastructure investment to India.

**3. Which country has been recently (in September '24) authorised to become the new member of the BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)?**

- 1) Argentina
- 2) India
- 3) Spain
- 4) Algeria
- 5) Belgium

Answer- **4) Algeria**

**Explanation:**

**Algeria** has been authorised to become the **new member** of the **BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)**, a Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) established by Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (**BRICS**) countries. It was announced by **Dilma Rousseff**, President of the NDB, during the **9th Annual Meeting of the NDB**, held in Cape Town, **South Africa**, from August 29 to 31, 2024.

- The theme of the meeting is **“Investing in a Sustainable Future.”**
- With this membership, Algeria became the **3rd Arab country** to be integrated with the NDB, after Egypt and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- The NDB objective is to mobilise resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in Emerging Markets and Developing Countries (EMDCs).

**4. Which country has recently (in September 2024) become the 101st Country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?**

- 1) Spain
- 2) Nepal
- 3) Paraguay
- 4) Norway
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer- **2) Nepal**

**Explanation:**

**Nepal** has become the **101st country** to join the International Solar Alliance (**ISA**) as a full member. The Instrument of Ratification for the same was exchanged between Nepal's Charge d' affairs **Dr. Surendra Thapa**, and Joint Secretary Economic Diplomacy Multilateral Economic Relations (ED&MER), MEA, **Abhishek Singh** during a meeting in New Delhi, Delhi.

- In June 2024, **Paraguay** became the 100th full member of ISA.
- The ISA was established in **2015** as a joint effort by India and France to mobilize efforts against climate change through the deployment of solar energy solutions.

**5. Which organization in partnership with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has recently (in September '24) launched the world's first international guidelines to accelerate contributions toward Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?**

- 1) United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
- 2) United Nations Economic and Social Council
- 3) United Nations Development Programme
- 4) United Nations Water Convention
- 5) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Answer- **3) United Nations Development Programme**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) have launched '[ISO/UNDP PAS 53002](#)', the **world's first** international guidelines to accelerate contributions toward the United Nations (UN)'s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- The guidelines were introduced at the ISO Annual Meeting 2024 held in **Cartagena de Indias**, Colombia.
- This provides a valuable resource for organizations to place SDGs into their core operations and increase their positive impact.
- They are applicable to **organizations of all types** and sizes, globally, across both public and private sectors.

**6. The International Center for Artificial Intelligence Research and Ethics (ICAIRE) was classified as a Category 2 (C2) center, under \_\_\_\_\_, during the 3rd Global AI Summit in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia?**

- 1) United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
- 2) United Nations Children's Fund
- 3) United Nations Development Programme
- 4) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- 5) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

**Answer- 5) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**

**Explanation:**

The Saudi Data and Artificial Intelligence Authority (SDAIA) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) announced the classification of the International Center for Artificial Intelligence Research and Ethics (ICAIRE) as a **Category 2 (C2) center** under UNESCO during the 3rd Global AI Summit held from September 10-12, 2024 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

- This highlights Saudi Arabia's leadership in AI ethics and its commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- This classification reinforces Saudi Arabia's commitment to international and regional cooperation in AI ethics, policies, and research.

**7. Name the country that has recently (in September '24) become the 1st country in the world to receive the World Health Organization (WHO) verification for Eliminating Leprosy.**

- 1) Belize
- 2) Jordan
- 3) Jamaica
- 4) Brazil
- 5) Cabo Verde

**Answer- 2) Jordan**

**Explanation:**

The World Health Organization (WHO) officially verified **Jordan** as the **1st country** in the world to have **eliminated leprosy** (also known as *Hansen's disease*), a chronic infectious disease caused by a bacteria, *Mycobacterium leprae*.

- Jordan has not reported any locally transmitted (autochthonous) cases of leprosy for over 2 decades. This achievement is seen as a significant step in public health efforts to eliminate leprosy worldwide.
- This achievement is expected to inspire other countries to enhance their efforts against leprosy.
- Leprosy is an age-old disease that mainly affects the skin and peripheral nerves, mucosa of the upper respiratory tract, and the eyes.

**8. Which country has recently (in September '24) assumed the chairmanship of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) for 2024-2027 term?**

- 1) United States of America
- 2) India
- 3) Hungary
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) China

Answer- **2) India**

**Explanation:**

On 24th September 2024, The Comptroller and Auditor General (**CAG**) of **India**, the Supreme Audit Institution (**SAI**) of **India**, assumed the **chairmanship** of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (**ASOSAI**) for **2024-2027 term**.

- **Girish Chandra Murmu** has been serving as the 14th CAG of India since August 2020.
- The **16th Assembly of ASOSAI** hosted by CAG of India was held in New Delhi, Delhi from 21st to 27th September 2024.
- The 56th meeting of the Governing Board of ASOSAI held on 6th September 2024 in Hanoi, Vietnam elected Girish Chandra Murmu, CAG of India, as the host of **16th assembly of ASOSAI (2024)** and Chairman of ASOSAI from 2024-2027.
- On 23rd September 2024, the 60th ASOSAI Governing Board Meeting was held in New Delhi.
- **Saudi Arabia**, represented by the General Court of Audit (**GCA**), has been elected as the chair of ASOSAI for the 2027-2030 term. Saudi Arabia was also elected as the host of the 17th ASOSAI General Assembly. [Click here to read more.](#)

**9. Which country has recently (in September 2024) joined the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)?**

- 1) India
- 2) Curaçao
- 3) Germany
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) Singapore

Answer- **1) India**

**Explanation:**

On 20th September 2024, **India** formally joined the International Big Cat Alliance (**IBCA**) by signing and ratification of the Framework Agreement on the establishment of the IBCA.

- IBCA is a global initiative founded by India to secure the future of big cats and their natural habitats.



- With this, 4 countries (**India, Nicaragua, Eswatini and Somalia**) have now become **members of IBCA**.
- IBCA was launched by PM Modi during the programme “Commemoration of 50 years of India’s **Project Tiger**” on 9th April 2023 at Mysuru University in Mysuru, Karnataka.
- The framework Agreement aimed to establish IBCA to collectively address common challenges for the protection and conservation of **7 big cats** – Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Puma, Jaguar and the Cheetah.
- IBCA aims to build a multi-nation, multi-agency coalition of **95** big cat range countries, non-range countries interested in big cat conservation.

## **GOVT SCHEMES**

**1. Which state has recently (in August '24) launched the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) programme to strengthen the higher education landscape?**

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Assam
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **4) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

The **Odisha** government has launched the **Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA)** programme aimed to strengthen the **higher education** landscape in Odisha.

- It was launched through the Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) signed between the Odisha government and Ministry of Education(MoE)
- The objective of the PM-USHA initiative is to ensure access, equity, and excellence in higher education throughout Odisha.
- It is a key initiative of the Centre for the implementation of the National Education Policy (**NEP) 2020**.
- Under this initiative, the central government will provide **Rs 500 crore** for the development and infrastructure of higher education institutions in Odisha.
- The Centre will release 60% of the allocated grants, while the state will bear 40%.

**2. What was the outlay of the Agri Fund for Start-Ups and Rural Enterprises (AgriSURE) that was recently (in August '24) launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW)?**

- 1) Rs.500 crore
- 2) Rs.1000 crore
- 3) Rs.750 crore
- 4) Rs.250 crore
- 5) Rs. 100 crore

Answer- **3) Rs.750 crore**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) has launched a **Rs.750 crores** 'Agri Fund for Start Ups and Rural Enterprises(**AgriSURE**)' and Agri investment Portal named '**KrishiNivesh**' at New Delhi, Delhi.

- He also conferred Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (**AIF**) **Excellence Awards 2024** to the top-performing Banks and States under various categories in recognition of their outstanding efforts.
- Of the 750 crores, the Government of India and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) provided 250 crores each, and another 250 crore have to be raised from other institutions, including private investors.
- AgriSURE is registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) under the category of Category-II Alternative Investment Fund. **NABVENTURES Limited**, a wholly owned subsidiary of NABARD, serves as the Investment Manager to the Fund.
- KrishiNivesh Portal is a comprehensive platform designed to improve agribusinesses, attract investments, and **increase farmers' incomes**.[Click here to read more](#)

**3. Which scheme has been recently (in August '24) launched by the Madhya Pradesh (MP) government to enhance rural development?**

- 1) NTR Bharosa pension scheme
- 2) Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina
- 3) Brindavan Gram Scheme
- 4) Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme
- 5) Retail Direct Scheme

Answer- **3) Brindavan Gram Scheme**

**Explanation:**

On 26th August 2024, The Madhya Pradesh (**MP**) government launched the **Brindavan Gram Scheme** and **Gita Bhavan Project**, aimed at enhancing **rural development** and promoting cultural and spiritual **heritage** of MP respectively.

- The MP government also approved a proposal to form an organising committee to plan the **320th birth anniversary** celebration for **Ahilyabai Holkar**, the queen of the Maratha Malwa kingdom.
- This scheme aims to promote milk production in villages and enhance **income** of the farmers. The scheme will be implemented by the Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Maharashtra.

The scheme would establish '**Gaushalas** (cow sheds)' to promote milk production and other schemes that benefitting the villagers.

**4. Which initiative was recently (in September '24) virtually launched by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi with an outlay of Rs 27 crore in Surat, Gujarat to focus on water conservation and community participation?**

- 1) e-FAST India
- 2) Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre
- 3) Aatmanirbharta
- 4) Jeevan Samarth
- 5) Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari

### Answer- 5) Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari

#### Explanation:

On September 6, 2024, Prime Minister (PM) of India, **Narendra Modi** virtually launched the '**Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari**' initiative with an outlay of Rs **27 crore** in **Surat, Gujarat**. This program is a collaboration between the Ministry of Jal Shakti (**MoJS**) and the **Government of Gujarat**, focusing on water conservation and community participation.

- The initiative includes the construction of around **24,800** rainwater harvesting structures across Gujarat, with strong public involvement to improve water sustainability.
- The '**Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari**' aims to address water shortages by constructing rainwater harvesting structures in critical regions with community engagement.
- The initiative seeks to enhance groundwater levels and **boost water infiltration** by implementing rainwater harvesting measures in the districts of Surat, Tapi, Dang, Navsari, and Valsad, aligning with the objectives of the **National Water Mission (NWM)**.
- India, with only **4%** of the world's freshwater, faces severe water scarcity, worsened by climate change. The program aims to address this by combining traditional knowledge and modern techniques. This initiative aligns with '**Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain campaign**'.
- Jal Jeevan Mission, Atal Bhujal Yojana were also highlighted as part of the larger goal to make water conservation a nationwide movement.

### 5. Which ministry has recently (in September 2024) launched the 2nd Cohort of the SAMRIDH scheme, a programme for startup acceleration under the National Policy on Software Products (NPSP) – 2019?

- 1) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- 2) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 3) Ministry of Communication
- 4) Ministry of Culture
- 5) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

#### Answer- 1) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

#### Explanation:

On 4th September 2024, S Krishnan, Secretary of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**), launched the **2nd Cohort** of the Startup Accelerator of MeitY for Product Innovation, Development, and Growth (**SAMRIDH**) scheme.

- This initiative is designed to empower early-stage startups with 6-9 months of acceleration program, matching funds up to Rs 40 lakhs, etc.
- The SAMRIDH, launched in August 2021, is a flagship program of the MeitY for startup acceleration under the National Policy on Software Products (NPSP) – 2019.
- SAMRIDH aims to support 300 software startups in a 3-year duration with a cohort size of 5-10 Startups. The scheme is being implemented by the MSH, and the Digital India Corporation (DIC).

### 6. Under which ministry Digi Yatra facility for 9 airports has been recently (in September '24) inaugurated at Visakhapatnam International Airport, Andhra Pradesh?

- 1) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 2) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Civil Aviation

4) Ministry of Communications

5) Ministry of Tourism

Answer- **3) Ministry of Civil Aviation**

**Explanation:**

On 6th September 2024, Union Minister **Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu**, Ministry of Civil Aviation (**MoCA**) inaugurated the **Digi Yatra facility** for 9 airports at Visakhapatnam International Airport, Andhra Pradesh (AP).

**i.** He has also virtually extended it to **8 other airports** of Airport Authority of India (AAI) namely, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu (TN)), Dabolim (Goa), Indore (Madhya Pradesh (MP)), Bagdogra (West Bengal (WB)), Ranchi (Jharkhand), Patna (Bihar), Raipur (Chhattisgarh), and Bhubaneswar (Odisha) airports.

**ii.** Digi Yatra facility was 1st launched at 3 airports namely, New Delhi (Delhi), Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh, UP), and Bengaluru (Karnataka) on 1st December, 2022.

**iii.** With the launch of 9 more Digi Yatra-enabled airports, the total number of Digi Yatra-enabled airports will increase from 15 (launched in 1st phase) to **24**.

**iv.** While addressing the event, Union Minister K. Rammohan Naidu announced the expansion of Regional Connectivity Scheme (**RCS**), which was introduced in 2016, aimed to provide regional connectivity to airports. [Click here to read more](#)

**7. Which state launched the 'CM-KISAN Yojana' to provide financial assistance of Rs 12,500 annually in three installments to landless agricultural households?**

1) Madhya Pradesh

2) Bihar

3) Odisha

4) Haryana

5) Karnataka

Answer- **3) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

On September 8, 2024, Odisha's Chief Minister (CM) **Mohan Charan Majhi** launched the '**CM-KISAN Yojana**' at Gangadhar Meher University in Sambalpur, Odisha during the state's **Nuakhai festival**. For the fiscal year 2024-25 (FY25), the Odisha government has allocated **Rs 1,935 crore** for the CM-KISAN Yojana.

- The scheme has replaced the 'Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA)' scheme and focuses on supporting small, marginal, and landless farmers.
- Under this scheme, 46 lakh small and marginal farmers will receive **financial assistance of Rs 925 crore**.
- Small and marginal farmers will get **Rs 4,000 annually** in two installments (on Nuakhai and Akshaya Tritiya), with payments directly transferred to their bank accounts.
- Landless agricultural households will receive **Rs 12,500 annually** in three installments.
- He also unveiled the **Krushak Odisha Unified Portal** of the Agriculture and Farmers Empowerment Department.

**8. In which year the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY) scheme was launched?**

1) 2014

2) 2015

3) 2018

4) 2019

5) 2020

Answer- **4) 2019**

**Explanation:**

The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (**PM-KMY**), a Central Sector Scheme (CSS) which provides social security to all landholding Small and Marginal Farmers (**SMFs**) across the country, has completed **5 years** of successful implementation.

- PM-KMY was launched on **12th September, 2019** by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi at Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- The scheme is being administered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (**MoA&FW**) in partnership with Mumbai (Maharashtra) based Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).
- Those SMFs who are between the age of **18 to 40 years**, eligible to join the scheme.
- All eligible SMFs are required to contribute an amount between **Rs 55 to Rs 200 per month** in the Pension Fund till they attain the age of 60.
- Under the PM-KMY, eligible SMFs receive a fixed monthly pension of **Rs 3,000** after attaining the age of 60 years, provided they meet the exclusion criteria of the scheme.
- LIC is **pension fund manager** of the scheme and beneficiary registration is facilitated through the Common Service Center (**CSC**) or by the Nodal Officer (PM-Kisan) appointed by the State or Union Territory (UT) Governments. [Click here to read more.](#)

**9. In Which year, Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) was launched?**

1) 2015

2) 2014

3) 2019

4) 2020

5) 2022

Answer- **4) 2020**

**Explanation:**

On 11th September 2024, Union Minister **Rajeev Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh**, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying (**MoFAH&D**) launched and unveiled several new initiatives and projects aimed to boost the fisheries sector and strengthen India's blue economy at the **4th** anniversary of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (**PMMSY**) at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.

- Union Minister Rajeev Ranjan Singh launched the National Fisheries Development Program (**NFDP**) Portal which will act as a central hub for the registration of various stakeholders from the fisheries sector, information services, and support related to fisheries.
- The portal has been created under **PM-MKSSY**, a central sector sub-scheme launched under PMMSY.
- He also released the operational guidelines for Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (**PM-MKSSY**).
- PM-MKSSY aims to formalize the fisheries sector and support Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) related to fisheries sector, with total investment of more than **Rs 6,000**

**crore** over a period of 4 years i.e. from Financial Year 2023-24 (FY24) to FY27 across all states/ Union Territories (UTs) in India.

- The Union Minister announced the establishment of **3** specialized fisheries production and processing clusters dedicated to: **Pearl cultivation, Ornamental fisheries and Seaweed cultivation.**
- He also unveiled the guidelines for development of **100** coastal villages across coastal states and UTs into **Climate Resilient Coastal Fisherman Villages (CRCFVs).**
- Among 36 States/ UT, **22** have either adopted or declared their state fish, **3** have declared state aquatic animals and UTs of **Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands** have declared their state animal, which are marine species.
- 30th August 2024, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi launched a **Vessel Communication & Support System** at Palghar district of Maharashtra with an investment of **Rs 364 crore.**
- **PMMSY** was launched by PM Narendra Modi on **10th September, 2020** as part of the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' package. [Click here to read more.](#)

**10. Name the scheme that was recently (in September '24) launched by the Ministry of Finance (MoF) which is a savings-cum-pension scheme for minors.**

- 1) Shramik Basera
- 2) NTR Bharosa
- 3) Upvan Yojna
- 4) EMPS 2024
- 5) NPS Vatsalya

Answer- **5) NPS Vatsalya**

**Explanation:**

On 18th September 2024, Union Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**, Ministry of Finance (MoF) launched 'National Pension System Vatsalya (**NPS Vatsalya**)', a savings-cum-pension scheme for minors in New Delhi, Delhi.

- The NPS Vatsalya will enable parents and guardians to save their children's future by investing in a pension account.
- The minimum amount required to open the Vatsalya account is **Rs 1,000** and thereafter, subscribers will have to contribute Rs 1,000 per annum.
- This scheme is an extension of the already existing NPS to children.
- The minimum amount required to open the Vatsalya account is **Rs 1,000** and thereafter, subscribers will have to contribute Rs 1,000 per annum.
- All minor citizens, who are **below the age of 18 years** (yrs), are eligible for the scheme. Also, both the child and the parent/guardian must be Indian citizens.
- If the amount deposited in the account **surpasses Rs 2.5 lakh** at the age of 18, then 80% of that amount will be used to purchase an annuity, and the remaining 20% can be taken as a lump sum amount. [Click here to read more.](#)

**11. Which scheme has recently (in September '24) launched to support and assist small entrepreneurs and farmers in Mizoram?**

- 1) Vigyan Dhara
- 2) IT Saksham Yuva
- 3) Bana Kaih

4) Ladka Bhau

5) Shramik Basera

Answer- **3) Bana Kaih**

**Explanation:**

On 19th September 2024, **Pu Lalduhoma**, the Chief Minister (CM) of **Mizoram** launched the '**Mizoram Bana Kaih**' (Handholding) Scheme, to offer financial support and assistance to small entrepreneurs and farmers across Mizoram.

- The support will be provided through a series of programs designed to promote economic growth and self-sufficiency.
- The Bana Kaih scheme comprises five crucial components.
- A financial assistance package for selected progress partners (beneficiaries), offering loans up to Rs. 50 lakhs through partner banks.
- The beneficiaries who repay their loans may also benefit from interest subventions of up to 100%, providing assistance to those who satisfy their repayment obligations.
- The government has allotted **Rs 200 crore** for the scheme's implementation for 2024-25, in addition to the **Rs 110 crore** budget provided for agricultural assurance in the Financial Year (FY) 2023-24.

**12. Which ministry has recently (in September '24) launched the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on 'White Revolution 2.0' in New Delhi (Delhi) to boost the Indian dairy sector?**

1) Ministry of Cooperation

2) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

3) Ministry of Home Affairs

4) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying

5) Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Answer- **1) Ministry of Cooperation**

**Explanation:**

On 19th September 2024, Union Minister **Amit Shah**, Ministry of Cooperation (MoC) launched the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on '**White Revolution 2.0**' during the National Conference on the initiatives taken by the MoC in the 1st 100 days of the 3rd term of Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government held in New Delhi, Delhi.

- During the main session of the Conference, Union Minister Amit Shah launched '**100 days' initiatives**' under the theme of "Sahkar-se-Samridhi", to strengthen and expand the cooperative sector, and has potential to benefit about 13 crore farmers across the country.
- The key target of GoI under White Revolution 2.0 is to increase milk production by dairy cooperative societies by **50%** i.e. from the current 660 lakh litres per day to 1,000 lakh litres, over the next **5 years**.
- He also launched SOPs for '**Cooperation among Cooperatives**' initiative, the 3 key components of initiatives are distribution of Rupay – Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) to dairy farmers, distribution of micro-Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) to dairy cooperatives and opening of the account of the cooperative societies and their members in cooperative banks.
- Union Minister Amit Shah has launched **Margdarshika (Action Plan)** for the formation and strengthening of **2 lakh** new Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), Dairy and Fishery Cooperatives **Societies in each Panchayat**. [Click here to read more.](#)

**13. Which scheme has recently (in September '24) completed its 6 years of successful implementation, emerged from the National Health Policy 2017?**

- 1) Har Ghar Jal
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban
- 4) Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin
- 5) Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri- Jan Arogya Yojana

**Answer- 5) Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri- Jan Arogya Yojana**

**Explanation:**

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri- Jan Arogya Yojana (**AB PM-JAY**), one of the key components of **Ayushman Bharat** (AB), a flagship scheme of Government of India (GoI), which emerged from the National Health Policy 2017, has completed **6 years** of successful implementation.

- It was launched on 23rd September 2018 by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- The scheme is being implemented by National Health Authority (**NHA**) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).
- AB PM-JAY is the largest health assurance scheme in the world which offers a cashless health cover of **Rs 5 lakh per family annually** for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization across public and private empanelled hospitals in India.
- The scheme covers up to **3 days** of pre-hospitalization and 15 days of post-hospitalization expenses which include expenses of diagnostics and medications.
- On 11th September 2024, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved the expansion of AB PM-JAY, offering comprehensive health coverage to all the **senior citizens aged 70 years and above**.
- As of 9th September 2024, over **35.4 crore Ayushman cards** have been issued, which has empowered millions of families with health coverage. [Click here to read more.](#)

## **VISITS**

**1. Which of the following points is/are 'correct with respect to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Maharashtra on 30th August 2024?**

- A) PM Modi laid the foundation stone of Vadhavan Port, near Dahanu town in Palghar district, Maharashtra.**
- B) PM Modi also launched the National Roll Out of Vessel Communication and Support system with total budget outlay of around Rs 360 crore.**
- C) PM Modi addressed a special session at the 4th Global Fintech Festival (GFF 2024) held at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai, Maharashtra.**

- 1) Only A & B
- 2) Only B & C
- 3) Only A & C
- 4) Only A
- 5) All A, B & C

**Answer- 1) Only A & B**



**Explanation:**

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (PM) of India, visited Mumbai and Palghar in Maharashtra on 30th August 2024.

i. PM Modi laid the foundation stone of **Vadhavan Port**, near Dahanu town in Palghar district, Maharashtra. The estimated budget of this project is around **Rs 76,000 crore**.

ii. PM Modi also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 218 fisheries projects worth around Rs 1,560 crore in Palghar district, Maharashtra. This aims to strengthen the fisheries sector infrastructure and productivity across India.

iii. PM Modi also launched the **National Roll Out of Vessel Communication and Support system** with total budget outlay of around **Rs 360 crore**.

iv. PM Modi addressed a special session at the **5th Global Fintech Festival (GFF 2024)** held at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai, Maharashtra. [Click here to read more](#)

**2. Which of the following points is/are correct with respect to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Brunei Darussalam and Singapore on 3rd to 5th September 2024?**

**A) Narendra Modi inaugurated the new chancery premises of the Indian High Commission in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.**

**B) MoU signed between India and Singapore on Cooperation in the operation of Telemetry, Tracking and Telecommand (TTC) Station for Satellite and Launch Vehicles.**

**C) India and Singapore signed 4 key agreements on semiconductors; digital cooperation; health care and medical research; and education and skill development.**

1) Only A & B

2) Only A & C

3) Only B & C

4) Only A

5) All A, B & C

Answer- **2) Only A & C**

**Explanation:**

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (PM) of India was on a 3-day visit to **Brunei Darussalam** and **Singapore** from 3rd September to 5th September 2024. He visited **Brunei** from 3rd September to 4th September 2024 at the invitation of Sultan of Brunei **Haji Hassanal Bolkiah** and visited **Singapore** from 4th September to 5th September 2024 at the invitation of **Lawrence Wong**, PM of Singapore.

- On 3rd September 2024, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the new **chancery premises of the Indian High Commission** in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam. He described it as indicative of stronger ties between the two nations.
- On 4th September 2024, Prime Minister (PM) **Narendra Modi** held a bilateral meeting with Sultan of Brunei **Haji Hassanal Bolkiah** at Istana Nurul Iman in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei.
- Leaders of both countries witnessed the signing and exchange of a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) on Cooperation in the operation of Telemetry, Tracking and Telecommand (**TTC**) Station for Satellite and Launch Vehicles.
- They also welcomed the upcoming commencement of direct flight connectivity between **Bandar Seri Begawan**, Brunei Darussalam and **Chennai**, Tamil Nadu (TN), India. This will boost stronger people-to-people linkages and provide increased trade and tourism activities between the two nations.

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**), Government of India (GoI) and Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore signed the Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) on the 4 key agreements on semiconductors, digital technology, health care and skill development during PM Modi's two-day visit to Singapore.
- PM Narendra Modi announced that India's first **Thiruvalluvar Cultural Centre** would soon open in Singapore. [click here to read more.](#)

**3. Which of the following points is/are correct with respect to the Abu Dhabi Crown Prince's Visit to India from 9th to 10th September, 2024?**

**A) Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahayan attended the India-UAE Business Forum held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.**

**B) The UAE-based International Resources Holding RSC Limited and a consortium of Indian companies: Oil India Limited (OIL); Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL); and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Videsh Limited (OVL) signed a strategic agreement for global collaboration in critical mineral supply chain exploration.**

**C) Emirates Nuclear Energy Company(ENEC) and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited(NPCIL) signed a MoU on the Barakah Nuclear Power Plant Operations and Maintenance.**

- 1) Only A & B
- 2) Only A & C
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- **5) All A, B & C**

**Explanation:**

The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, **Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahayan** was on an official 2-day state visit to India from 9th to 10th September 2024 at the invitation of the Prime Minister (PM) of India, **Narendra Modi**.

- On 9th September 2024, PM Modi held a bilateral meeting with Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahayan at Hyderabad House in New Delhi, India.
- India and the UAE had signed the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in February 2022 and aims to take non-bilateral trade to **USD 100 billion** by 2030.
- On 10th September 2024, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahayan attended the India-UAE Business Forum held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Theme of India-UAE Business Forum: **"Beyond CEPA: Innovation and Future Ready Economies"**.
- On 9th September 2024, the Government of India (**GoI**) and the Government of **the UAE** **signed 5** key Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) in various fields including nuclear energy and petroleum.
- **Emirates Nuclear Energy Company(ENEC)**, owned by the government of the UAE and **Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited(NPCIL)**, a Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) under the Department of Atomic Energy (DoAE), GoI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Barakah Nuclear Power Plant Operations and Maintenance.
- The UAE-based **International Resources Holding RSC Limited**, a natural resources extractive company; and a consortium of Indian companies: Oil India Limited (OIL); Khanij Bidesh India

Limited (**KABIL**); and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Videsh Limited (**OVL**) signed a strategic agreement for global collaboration in critical mineral supply chain exploration in both globally and within India. [Click here to read more.](#)

**4. Which of the following points is/are 'correct' with respect to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Jharkhand, Gujarat and Odisha from 15 to 17th September 2024?**

**A) PM Modi flagged off seven state-of-the-art Vande Bharat Express trains in Jharkhand which will improve the connectivity of the routes.**

**B) In Ahmedabad, he virtually flagged off India's first Nammo Bharat Rapid Rail between Ahmedabad and Bhuj from the Bhuj railway station.**

**C) He launched 'SUBHADRA', the flagship Scheme of Government of Odisha, in Bhubaneswar. It is the largest, single women-centric scheme that is expected to cover more than 1 crore women.**

- 1) Only A & B
- 2) Only A & C
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only C
- 5) All A, B & C

**Answer- 3) Only B & C**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi visited Jharkhand, Gujarat and Odisha from 15 to 17th September 2024.

- During his visit to Jharkhand on 15th September 2024, PM Modi flagged off the Tatanagar-Patna Vande Bharat train at Tatanagar Junction Railway Station, Jharkhand.
- PM Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation various Railway Projects worth more than **Rs 660 crore** in **Tatanagar**, Jharkhand.
- PM Modi flagged off **Six** state-of-the-art **Vande Bharat Express trains**.
- During his visit to Gujarat on 16th September 2024, PM Modi inaugurated Phase II of the Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project and the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investor's Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST).
- PM Modi virtually flagged off **India's first Nammo Bharat Rapid Rail** between Ahmedabad and Bhuj from the Bhuj railway station.
- During his visit to Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 17th September 2024, PM Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation **Railway Projects** worth more than **Rs. 2800** crores and laid the foundation stone for **National Highway (NH) Projects** worth more than **Rs 1000 crore**.
- PM Modi launched '**SUBHADRA**', the flagship Scheme of Government of Odisha. [Click here to read more.](#)

**5. Which of the following points is/are 'correct' with respect to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Maharashtra on 20 September 2024?**

**A) PM Modi participated in the PM Vishwakarma Yojana Programme marking one year of progress under PM Vishwakarma and released a commemorative stamp.**

**B) He laid the foundation stone of PM Mega Integrated Technology Research and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park in Maharashtra. The government of India had approved the setting up of Six PM MITRA Parks for the Textile industry.**

**C) PM Modi launched the Acharya Chanakya Kaushalya Vikas Scheme of the Government of Maharashtra and Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Women Startup Scheme.**

- 1) Only A & B
- 2) Only A & C
- 3) Only B & C
- 4) Only C
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- **2) Only A & C**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister (PM) **Narendra Modi** visited Wardha, Maharashtra on **20th September** 2024. During his visit,

**i.** PM Modi participated in the National '**PM Vishwakarma Yojana**' Programme marking one year of progress under PM Vishwakarma and released a commemorative stamp published by India Post.

- The scheme was launched on **September 17, 2023**, to provide support to artisans and craftspeople working with their hands and tools.
- It is a **Central Sector Scheme** launched with a financial outlay of **Rs 13,000 crore** for five years (**FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28**).

**ii.** He laid the foundation stone of PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (**PM MITRA**) Park at Amravati, Maharashtra.

- The government of India had approved the setting up of **7 PM MITRA Parks** for the Textile industry.

**iii.** He launched **Acharya Chanakya Kaushalya Vikas Scheme** and **Punyashlok Ahilyabai Holkar Women Start-Up Scheme**.

- Under Acharya Chanakya Kaushalya Vikas scheme, Skill development training centres will be established in well-known colleges across Maharashtra to provide training to youth in the age group of **15 to 45**.
- Around **1,50,000** youths across Maharashtra will receive free skill development training each year.
- Under Punyashlok Ahilyabai Holkar Women Start-Up scheme, **early-stage support** will be provided to **women-led startups** in Maharashtra to make them self-reliant and independent.
- Financial assistance up to **Rs.25 lakhs** will be provided. [Click here to read more.](#)

## **BANKING AND FINANCE**

**1. Which organisation/bank has recently (in August '24) launched a "Scheme for Trading and Settlement of Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs) in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in India?"**

- 1) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 2) Reserve Bank of India
- 3) National Stock Exchange of India Limited
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) International Financial Services Centres Authority

Answer- **2) Reserve Bank of India**

**Explanation:**

On August 29, 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) launched a "Scheme for Trading and Settlement of Sovereign Green Bonds (**SGrBs**) in International Financial Services Centre (**IFSC**) in India" in exercise of its powers conferred under Section 45W of the RBI Act, 1934 read with Section 45U of the Act and of all the powers enabling it in this behalf.

- The scheme aims to facilitate investments in SGrBs issued by the Government of India (GoI) to eligible **foreign investors in the IFSC**.
- The operational guidelines for entities within the IFSC will be provided by the International Financial Services Centres Authority (**IFSCA**).

**2. Which bank recently (in August '24) launched "GIGA," a comprehensive financial suite designed specifically for gig workers and freelancers?**

- 1) IDFC First Bank
- 2) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 3) Punjab National Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) Axis Bank

Answer- **4) HDFC Bank**

**Explanation:**

**HDFC Bank Limited** has introduced GIGA, a comprehensive financial suite tailored for gig workers and freelancers in India. This program addresses the unique **financial needs of the rapidly expanding gig economy**, which includes a wide range of workers from various sectors.

- GIGA offers a specialised savings account, current account, debit and credit cards, flexible investment products, health insurance, and custom retail asset products.
- The GIGA Business Debit Card provides accelerated cashback and personal accidental death cover up to **Rs 10 lakh**.
- HDFC Ergo provides health insurance for gig workers and their families, with premiums starting at **Rs 20 per day**.
- **Flexible Savings Account:** Gig workers can maintain a quarterly balance (Rs 10,000 in metro/urban areas and Rs 5,000 in semi-urban/rural areas) and access options like Systematic Investment Plans(SIPs), Fixed Deposits (FDs), and Recurring Deposits(RDs).

**3. Which of the following has recently (in August '24) approved Paytm for the downstream investment into Paytm Payment Services Limited (PPSL)?**

- 1) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 2) Competition Commission of India
- 3) Ministry of Finance
- 4) Reserve Bank of India
- 5) National Company Law Tribunal

Answer- **3) Ministry of Finance**

**Explanation:**

Noida (Uttar Pradesh, UP) based **Paytm**, owned by One97 Communications Limited (OCL) has received the approval from Department of Financial Services(DFS), Ministry of Finance (**MoF**) for the **downstream investment** into its payment services arm Paytm Payment Services Limited (**PPSL**).

- Following this approval, PPSL will resubmit application for its Payment Aggregator **(PA) licence**. It will also continue to provide online payment aggregation services to its existing partners.
- Downstream investment means an Indian company has got some Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), investing in another Indian company's equity instrument or capital.

**4. Which ministry has recently (in August '24) issued 6 new regulations that are related to investors in the Public Provident Fund (PPF), Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY), and other Small Savings Scheme (SSS)?**

- 1) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- 2) Ministry of Finance
- 3) Ministry of Cooperation
- 4) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 5) Ministry of Communications

Answer- **2) Ministry of Finance**

**Explanation:**

The Department of Economic Affairs **(DEA)**, under the Ministry of Finance **(MoF)**, has issued **6** new regulations that are related to investors in Public Provident Fund (PPF), Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana **(SSY)**, and other Small Savings Scheme (SSS). These new rules will come into effect from **1st October, 2024**.

- These new rules have been adopted with the objective of regularizing irregularly opened accounts under National Small Savings (NSS) through the Post Office.
- These new regulations have been categorised into following sections such as: irregular NSS, PPF accounts opened under a minor's name, holding various PPF accounts, extension of a PPF account by Non-Resident Indian **(NRI)**, regularization of Sukanya Samriddhi Account **(SSA)** initiated by grandparents instead of guardians.

**5. Which bank has recently (in August '24) fined Rs 2.68 crore by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for contravention of certain provisions, including on opening of current accounts, interest rate on deposits and fraud classification?**

- 1) Punjab National Bank
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) UCO Bank
- 4) Axis Bank
- 5) Central Bank of India

Answer- **3) UCO Bank**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India **(RBI)** has imposed a penalty of **Rs 2.68 crore** on Kolkata (West Bengal, WB) based United Commercial **(UCO) Bank Limited** for contravention of certain provisions, including on opening of current accounts, interest rate on deposits and frauds classification.

- The RBI has also imposed a penalty of **Rs 2.1 lakh** on Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh, MP) based Cent Bank Home Finance Limited **(CBHFL)** for non-compliance with certain provisions of Know Your Customer **(KYC)** directions.

- Both the penalties are based on regulatory compliance and are not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the entities with their customers.

**6. Which of the following points is/are 'correct' with respect to the 5th edition of Global Fintech Fest (GFF) held in Mumbai, Maharashtra, from 28th August to 30th August 2024?**

**A) RBI deputy governor T Rabi Sankar launched 'UPI Interoperable Cash Deposit (UPI-ICD)' in partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).**

**B) Jio Financial Services Limited, a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), has become the first NBFC to implement the National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI) e-KYC Setu system.**

**C) Aurionpro Payments, a subsidiary of Aurionpro Solutions Limited received authorization from the RBI to operate as an online Payment Aggregator(PA).**

- 1) Only A & B
- 2) Only B & C
- 3) Only A & C
- 4) Only A
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- **3) Only A & C**

**Explanation:**

The **Global Fintech Fest (GFF)** is the largest 3- day fintech conference held from 28th August to 30th August 2024 at the Jio World Convention Centre, **Mumbai, Maharashtra**. The 5th edition of this annual event is jointly organized by the Payments Council of India (PCI), the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), and the Fintech Convergence Council (FCC).

- **Theme** – “Blueprint for the next decade of finance: Responsible AI| Inclusive| Resilient”
- RBI deputy governor **T Rabi Sankar** launched 'UPI Interoperable Cash Deposit (**UPI-ICD**)' at the GFF 2024 in partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (**NPCI**).
- **Mastercard** has introduced the '**Payment Passkey Service(PPS)**' in India and globally to enhance online shopping security and convenience.
- Fintech startup **POP** has launched India's first multi-brand co-branded credit card, the '**YES BANK POP-CLUB RuPay credit card**', developed in partnership with RuPay and YES Bank.
- HDB Financial Services (**HDBFS**), a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), has become the first NBFC to implement the National Payments Corporation of India's (**NPCI**) **e-KYC Setu system**.
- **Aurionpro Payments**, a subsidiary of Aurionpro Solutions Limited received authorization from the RBI to operate as an online Payment Aggregator(PA).
- The **Amazon Pay ICICI Bank credit card**, powered by VISA, has achieved a significant milestone – becoming the first co-branded credit card in India to onboard over 5 million customers nationwide.[Click here to read more](#)

**7. According to the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) revised guidelines, the Average Daily Delivery Value (ADDV) of stocks in the cash market in the previous 6 months must be a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Rs 35 crore
- 2) Rs 15 crore

- 3) Rs 5 crore
- 4) Rs 25 crore
- 5) Rs 45 crore

Answer- **1) Rs 35 crore**

**Explanation:**

On 30th August 2024, the Securities Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) revised the criteria for entry and exit of stocks in the Futures and Options (**F&O**) or derivatives segment to enhance market stability by ensuring only actively traded and financially robust stocks participate in the derivatives segment.

- These new guidelines were issued by SEBI through a circular in exercise of powers given under **Section 11(1)** and **Section 11(2)(a)** of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992.
- The circular is effective immediately, and a 6-month gestation period has been granted to existing stocks to meet the requirements of new norms.
- SEBI has increased the Market Wide Position Limit (**MWPL**) of stocks over the previous 6 months, from the existing limit of Rs 500 crore to **Rs 1500 crore**. This increase in MWPL limit is introduced due to the market capitalization now standing at **2.8 times** since the last review.
- As per the revised guidelines, Median Quarter Sigma Order Size (**MQSOS**), MQSOS over the previous 6 months, on a rolling basis has been increased from Rs 25 lakhs to **Rs 75 lakhs**. SEBI has cited that the average market turnover is now over 3.5 times the figure since the last review conducted in **2018**.
- As per SEBI's guidelines, Average Daily Delivery Value (**ADDV**) of stocks in the cash market in the previous 6 months must be minimum **Rs 35 crore** (from the existing Rs 10 crore). This is due to significant increase in the ADDV which has increased by over 3 times since the last review. [Click here to read more](#)

**8. Which insurance company has launched USD-Denominated Life Insurance Solutions for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) at its newly opened offshore branch at GIFT City?**

- 1) Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited
- 2) ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited
- 3) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- 4) Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited
- 5) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited

Answer- **4) Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited**

**Explanation:**

**Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited** (Tata AIA) has launched its offshore branch at Gujarat International Finance Tech City (**GIFT City**), India's 1st International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in Gujarat. This branch allows Non-Resident Indians (**NRIs**) to purchase **USD-denominated** life insurance policies through the [Tata AIA's website](#).

- Tata AIA will commence operations with a unique term offering USD-denominated Life Protect Supreme, enabling policy benefits in USD.
- The plan offers coverage up to 100 years of age, covering risks like death, accident, disability, and critical illness.



**9. Which insurance company has recently (in September '24) partnered with the Policybazaar Insurance Brokers Private Limited to launch a new term insurance plan "Income Suraksha Plan"?**

- 1) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- 2) Edelweiss Life Insurance Company Limited
- 3) HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited
- 4) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Limited
- 5) United India Insurance Company Limited

**Answer- 4) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Limited**

**Explanation:**

Mumbai (Maharashtra) based Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Limited (**ABSLI**) and Gurugram (Haryana) based **Policybazaar Insurance Brokers Private Limited** have jointly launched '**Income Suraksha Plan**', a new **term insurance plan** which offers a lifelong income stream to the policyholder's family in the event of the policyholder's demise.

**i.** This **Income Protection Plan** also offers lifetime income to the policyholder's nominees.

**ii.** This income is not only **tax-free**, but it is also compounded annually at a rate of five percent to **adjust for inflation**, beginning on the day the plan is purchased. The discount is given on the first-year premium of up to 9% for a single transaction.

**10. Which fintech company has recently (in August '24) launched India's first multi-brand co-branded credit card in partnership with RuPay and Yes Bank Limited?**

- 1) Covrzy Technologies Private Limited
- 2) BranchX India Private Limited
- 3) TechFini
- 4) POPtech Growth Private Limited
- 5) Mswipe Technologies Private Limited

**Answer- 4) POPtech Growth Private Limited**

**Explanation:**

POPtech Growth Private Limited (**POP**), a Fintech startup has launched **India's first** multi-brand co-branded credit card, '**YEB BANK POP-CLUB RuPay Credit Card**' which was developed in partnership with **RuPay** and **Yes Bank Limited**.

- It was launched at 2024 Global Fintech Festival (**GFF**), Mumbai (Maharashtra) in the presence of Amit Sinha, Head of Yes Bank's credit card sales and partnerships, and Nalin Bansal, Chief of Corporate and Fintech Relationships at National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- The card has no joining fee and comes with an exclusive set of joining benefits. The cardholders can earn rewards on every transaction using **POPcoins**.
- The users can earn **10%** POPcoins for all online transactions, **2%** POPcoins for offline transactions, and an extra **5%** POPcoins for using the card with POP UPI.

**11. Which insurance company has recently (in August '24) launched its market-linked pension product 'Signature pension' that enables customers to create a cost and tax-efficient retirement plan?**

- 1) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- 2) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited

- 3) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited
- 4) Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited
- 5) Tata AIG General Insurance Company Limited

Answer- **3) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited**

**Explanation:**

Mumbai (Maharashtra) based ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited has launched '**ICICI Pru Signature Pension**', a market-linked pension product that enables customers to create a **cost and tax-efficient retirement plan**.

- The new product offers consumers to customise their retirement savings with up to **100% equity exposure** and the ability to move between equity, debt, and balanced funds.
- It features two funds namely the **ICICI Pru Pension India Growth Fund** and the **ICICI Pru Pension Balanced Fund**.

**12. Which insurance company has recently (in August '24) launched India's first Braille insurance policy named 'Special Care Gold', designed to provide the needs of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)?**

- 1) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited
- 2) ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited
- 3) SBI General Insurance Company Limited
- 4) Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited
- 5) Federal Bank Limited

Answer- **4) Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited**

**Explanation:**

Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN) based Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited (**Star Health Insurance**) launched **India's first Braille insurance policy** named 'Special Care Gold', designed to cater the needs of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

- The policy is launched for the persons with a disability as per 'The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016' and for individuals with HIV/AIDS as defined under the 'Human Immunodeficiency Virus(HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome(AIDS) (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017'.
- It aimed to empower visually impaired individuals with opportunities for income generation in the insurance sector.
- Any person aged between **18 and 65 years** can avail this policy. Dependent children are covered from newborn to **17** years of age.
- The policy offers a **1-year term** with individual coverage options of **Rs 4,00,000** and **Rs 5,00,000**.

**13. Which bank has recently (in August '24) launched two innovative digital solutions - 'Unified Payments Interface-Automated Teller Machine(UPI-ATM)' and 'Bharat Connect for Business' at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024?**

- 1) Bandhan Bank
- 2) Axis Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) Canara Bank
- 5) Federal Bank

## Answer- 2) Axis Bank

### Explanation:

**Axis Bank Limited** launched two innovative digital solutions – ‘Unified Payments Interface-Automated Teller Machine(**UPI-ATM**)’ and ‘**Bharat Connect for Business**’ at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Both initiatives are for its retail and wholesale banking business.

- **UPI-ATM** is a cardless cash withdrawal and deposit system using any UPI application(app).
- It is **India’s first Android Cash Recycler** integrated with UPI, allowing customers to perform both Interoperable Cardless Cash Deposit (**ICD**) and Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (**ICCW**) transactions using any UPI-enabled application.
- **Bharat Connect** (formerly Bharat Bill Payment System, BBPS) **for Business** was launched in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI’s) Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL).

**14. Name the Fixed Deposit (FD) scheme that was recently (in August ‘24) launched by the Bank of India(BoI) with an interest rate of up to 7.25%.**

- 1) Star Dhan Vriddhi
- 2) Amrit Vrishti
- 3) MAHA-DOC
- 4) Jeevan Samarth
- 5) Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana

Answer- **1) Star Dhan Vriddhi**

### Explanation:

Bank Of India (**BOI**), one of India’s leading Public Sector Bank (PSB), has launched a Fixed Deposit (FD) scheme called ‘**Star Dhan Vriddhi**’, a term limit of **333 days** effective from 1 September 2024.

- Under the Star DhanVriddhi, customers can deposit up to Rs 3 crore.
- The bank’s FD interest rates now range from 3% to 7.25% for general citizens on deposits below Rs 3 crore.
- For Senior Citizens (60-79 years), the interest rates range from 3% to 7.75%, and for Super Senior Citizens (aged 80 and above), the interest rates range from 3% to 7.90%.
- Senior citizens receive an additional 50 basis points (bps) and Super senior citizens will get an extra 65 bps on their Retail Term Deposits (RTDs) (less than Rs 3 crore) for tenures of 6 months to 3 years.

**15. Which organisation had recently (in September ‘24) signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Management-Kozhikode’s Laboratory for Innovation, Venturing, and Entrepreneurship (IIMK LIVE) to drive innovation, research, and support for the Financial Technology (FinTech) start-ups in India.**

- 1) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub
- 2) NITI Aayog
- 3) National Payments Corporation of India
- 4) National Association of Software and Service Companies
- 5) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing

Answer- **1) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub**

**Explanation:**

Kerala based Indian Institute of Management-Kozhikode's Laboratory for Innovation, Venturing, and Entrepreneurship (**IIMK LIVE**) and the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (**RBIH**) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) to drive innovation, research, and support for the Financial Technology (**FinTech**) start-ups in India.

- The MoU aims to build a unified, and robust ecosystem that accelerates FinTech growth and development through shared resources, expertise, and innovative strategies.
- This collaboration underscores a commitment to fostering growth and entrepreneurship in India's FinTech landscape.

**16. According to the global payment hub Paysecure data, India's UPI has processed nearly \_\_\_\_\_ rupees in transactions between April and July 2024, surpassing World's Leading Digital Payment Platforms.**

- 1) 34.367 lakh crore
- 2) 46 lakh crore
- 3) 78 lakh crore
- 4) 81 lakh crore
- 5) 99.68 lakh crore

Answer- **4) 81 lakh crore**

**Explanation:**

According to the global payment hub Paysecure data, India's Unified Payments Interface (**UPI**) has processed nearly **81 lakh crore** rupees in transactions between April and July 2024, surpassing the top digital payment platforms in the world. This represents a **37% increase** Year-over-year (YOY).

- India leads the world in digital transactions, with over 40% of payments being made digitally, and UPI being used for a majority of them.  
UPI processed 3,729.1 transactions per second, up 58% from 2,348 in 2022.
- UPI transactions reached 20.6 lakh crore rupees in **July 2024**, the highest- ever recorded in a month.
- The United Kingdom(UK) based **Skrill** became the second-most popular alternative payment method with 1,553.8 transactions per second and processed 49 billion transactions in 2023. Brazil based **Pix** is the 3rd-most popular alternative payment method with 1,331.8 transactions per second.

**17. Which fintech startup payment gateway has recently (in August '24) received the final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to act as a Payment Aggregator (PA)?**

- 1) PayU
- 2) EBANX
- 3) Paysharp
- 4) TerraPay
- 5) Razorpay

Answer- **3) Paysharp**

**Explanation:**

On 30th August 2024, Chennai (Tamil Nadu, TN) based Fintech startup **Paysharp Private Limited** received the final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) to act as a Payment Aggregator (**PA**).