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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. In which state Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has recently (in September '24) virtually laid the foundation stone and commenced various projects worth Rs. 11,200 crores?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Haryana

Answer- 4) Maharashtra

Explanation:

On 29th September 2024, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone and commenced various projects worth **Rs. 11,200 crores** in **Maharashtra**.

- PM Modi inaugurated the **Pune Metro section** (from District Court to **Swargate**) marking the completion of the Pune Metro Rail Project (Phase-1).
- PM Modi also laid the foundation stone for **Swargate-Katraj Extension** of Pune Metro Phase-1. This will be developed at a cost of **Rs 2,955 crore**.
- PM Modi inaugurated the **Solapur Airport** which will improve connectivity, making Solapur more accessible to tourists, business travelers and investors.
- PM Modi also laid the foundation stone for the **Memorial for Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule's First Girls' School** at **Bhidewada**. [Click here to read more.](#)

Option Revision:

1. Covered in August 2024: Karnataka

On 26th July 2024, The Karnataka government approved the proposal of renaming the Ramanagara district as 'Bengaluru South district'. The renaming was proposed in response to the local demand for association with 'Brand Bengaluru'.

2. Covered in July 2024: Madhya Pradesh

Jagdish Devda, Deputy Chief Minister (CM) and Finance Minister of Madhya Pradesh (MP), presented a budget of Rs 3.65 lakh crore (Rs 3,65,067 crores) for FY 2024-25 (FY25). This budget is 16% higher than FY24's Rs 3.14 lakh crore. The theme of the budget was 'Viksit Madhya Pradesh, Viksit Bharat'.

3. Covered in June 2024: Andhra Pradesh

Neerabh Kumar Prasad has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh (AP). He is the 1987-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of AP cadre. Neerabh Kumar replaces K.S. Jawahar Reddy, who is set to retire from service in June 2024 on attaining the age of superannuation.

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Question No. 1 gives you preview about option revision., Aspirants can get option revision for rest of questions on our Daily CA App Quiz (Explanation part)

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2. Which ministry has organised the 3rd edition of World Food India (WFI 2024) from 19th to 22nd September 2024, in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- 2) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 3) Ministry of Fisheries Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- 4) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 5) Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Answer- 5) Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Explanation:

The 3rd edition of World Food India (**WFI 2024**), the biennial mega food event, organised by The Ministry of Food Processing Industries(**MoFPI**), was held from **19th to 22nd** September 2024, in Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, Delhi.

- The event aims to integrate innovation, technology, and sustainability in the food processing sector.
- World Food India 2024 was organised under the **theme 'Processing for Prosperity'**.
- The World Food India 2024 witnessed participation from over **90** countries, **26** Indian States and Union Territories, and **18** Central Ministries and allied government bodies.
- During World Food India 2024, the National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM)-Kundli, Haryana signed **19** MoUs, completed **3** technology transfers and launched **2** products.
- Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW), inaugurated the **2nd** edition of the **Global Food Regulators Summit (GFRS 2024)** held from 20th to 21st September 2024 in New Delhi, Delhi.
- This Summit was organized by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (**FSSAI**).
- The **6th State Food Safety Index (SFSI 2024)**, an annual report evaluating the food safety performance of Indian states and union territories was also released during the event.
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (**FSSAI**) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (**MAPA**) of Brazil under the umbrella of Global Food Regulators Summit, 2024, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 21st September 2024. [Click here to read more.](#)

3. Which department/ministry implements the "Make in India" program, which completes a decade in September 2024?

- 1) Department of Financial Services
- 2) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion
- 3) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 4) Department of Personnel and Training
- 5) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer- **2) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion**

Explanation:

On 25th September 2024, "**Make in India**", the flagship programme of the Government of India (GoI), **completed a decade** (10 years) of empowering India to become a global manufacturing hub. It has played a crucial role in boosting domestic manufacturing, fostering innovation, enhancing skill development, and facilitating foreign investment.

- Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi launched the "Make in India" initiative on **25th September, 2014** at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi.
- It is being implemented by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoC&I).
- India's FDI inflow has increased exponentially by 119%, from USD 304 billion (2004-14) to **USD 667.4 billion** (2014-24). This investment inflow spans across 31 states and 57 sectors, promoting growth across diverse industries.
- The Production Linked Incentive (**PLI**) scheme was launched in 2020 across **14** key manufacturing sectors, with budget allocation of **Rs 1.97 lakh crores**. The scheme aims to create 60 lakh new jobs and an additional production of 30 lakh crore during the next 5 years.
- PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP), a strategic initiative of Government of India (GoI) launched on 13th October, 2021, aimed at achieving Aatmanirbhar Bharat and a **USD 5 trillion** economy by **2025** through the creation of multimodal and last-mile connectivity infrastructure.
- On 30th September 2024, the MoC&I introduced the 7th Business Reforms Action Plan (**BRAP 2024**) to further strengthen the Make in India initiative.
- It aims to establish a seamless business regulatory framework across the country, enhancing the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB). [Click here to read more.](#)

4. Which ministry recently (in September '24) in collaboration with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to co-hosted the Climate and Health Solutions (CHS) India Conclave in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 2) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- 4) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 5) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

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

Explanation:

On 27th September 2024, Climate and Health Solutions (**CHS**) **India Conclave**, which was organised by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (**MoHFW**), in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (**ADB**), held in New Delhi(Delhi).

- The 2-day conclave focused on the important issue of **climate change and public health in India**, by bringing together policymakers, experts, and stakeholders to develop actionable strategies for the health sector.
- The concluding day of the conclave hosted a series of insightful roundtables, which included in-depth discussions from participants on critical issues such as: Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), Mental Health, Nutrition, Climate-Ready Healthcare Human Resources, the development of Climate-Resilient and Responsive Health Systems and Infrastructure, among others.

5. Which company has developed the recently launched (in September '24) 'Single Window IT (SWIT)' platform?

- 1) Cognizant
- 2) Cisco Systems
- 3) Accenture
- 4) Dev Information Technology
- 5) Tata Consultancy Services

Answer- **4) Dev Information Technology**

Explanation:

On 16th September 2024, Prime Minister(**PM**) Narendra Modi launched the 'Single Window IT (**SWIT**)' platform developed by Dev Information Technology Limited (**DEV IT**) under the guidance of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (**IFSCA**) during the event held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

- This state-of-the-art online platform aims to simplify bureaucratic procedures and enhance transparency for entities setting up operations in the IFSCs.
- The System brings together different Government Agencies & Regulators on a single digital platform, including Department of Commerce under Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Revenue under Ministry of Finance, Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**), Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) and Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (**IRDAI**).
- SWIT System enables applicants to submit applications, obtain approvals, and fulfil approval related regulatory requirements through digital means in a simple, seamless and secure manner.

6. Which company has recently (in September '24) received the approval from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) to establish a Joint Venture (JV) named "AeroSystems Private Limited" in collaboration with Israel Aerospace Industries Limited (IAI)?

- 1) REC Limited
- 2) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 3) Bharat Electronics Limited
- 4) Central Electronics Limited
- 5) Cochin Shipyard Limited

Answer- **3) Bharat Electronics Limited**

Explanation:

Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) has received approval from the **Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)** to establish a Joint Venture (JV) named "**BEL IAI AeroSystems Private Limited**" in collaboration with **Israel Aerospace Industries Limited (IAI)**, Israel.

- BEL holds a **40%** stake in the JV, while IAI owns the remaining **60%**. The JV will operate both in India and Israel.
- This new JV will provide repair and maintenance services for the Medium-Range Surface to Air Missile (**MRSAM**) system used by India's defense forces, therefore, act as a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for MRSAM product support.

7. Who recently (in September '24) inaugurated the Computer Security Incident Response Team – POWER (CSIRT-POWER) facility at Northern Regional Power Committee in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) Jyotiraditya M Scindia
- 2) Dr. Jitendra Singh
- 3) Narendra Modi
- 4) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 5) Manohar Lal Khattar

Answer- **5) Manohar Lal Khattar**

Explanation:

Union Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar**, Ministry of Power(MoP), inaugurated the Computer Security Incident Response Team – POWER (**CSIRT-POWER**) facility at Northern Regional Power Committee, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Qutab Institutional Area in New Delhi, Delhi.

- CSIRT-POWER was developed since the existing sub-sectoral Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) lack legal mandate, resources, and skilled professionals to address cybersecurity incidents effectively.
- CSIRT-POWER was developed to protect India's power infrastructure from cyber threats.
- The creation of CSIRT-Power was initiated as part of the 100-day initiatives of the MoP in collaboration with Indian Computer Emergency Response Team(CERT-In), following the National Cyber Security Policy, 2013.

8. In September 2024, Maharashtra government gave approval to rename _____(airport) as 'Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Airport'.

- 1) Nashik International Airport
- 2) Shirdi International Airport
- 3) Kolhapur International Airport
- 4) Pune International Airport
- 5) Nagpur International Airport

Answer- **4) Pune International Airport**

Explanation:

The Government of **Maharashtra** has approved renaming the **Pune International Airport** located in Lohegaon as the '**Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Airport**' during the cabinet meeting chaired by Eknath Shinde, Chief Minister(CM) of Maharashtra.

- Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj was a revered 17th-century Hindu saint and poet from Maharashtra who played a major role in the Bhakti movement through his devotional poetry, known as Abhanga.
- The proposal for the renaming has been put forward to the Union Cabinet for final approval.

9. Name the mission that was recently (in September 2024) launched by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways (MoPSW) in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- 1) AIM-ICDK Water Challenge 4.0
- 2) Cruise Bharat Mission
- 3) Sampoonata Abhiyan
- 4) Green Tug Transition Program
- 5) Vande Bharat Mission

Answer- **2) Cruise Bharat Mission**

Explanation:

The Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways (MoPSW), launched the Cruise Bharat Mission (**CBM**) from the Mumbai port in Mumbai, Maharashtra to enhance India's cruise tourism sector, and position it as a global hub for cruise tourism.

- CBM is designed with the ambitious goal of **doubling cruise passenger traffic within five years**, targeting an increase from 4.6 lakh passengers in 2024 **to 50 lakh by 2047**.
- The mission is set to be implemented in three phases from **October 1, 2024**, to **March 31, 2029**, focusing on infrastructure development, international partnerships, and sustainable practices.
- It aims to double the volume of cruise calls from 254 in 2024 to **500** by 2030 and **1,100** by 2047.
- The mission is expected to create around **400,000 jobs**, significantly contributing to the economy while promoting cultural and historical tourism across India's diverse regions.

10. In which city, the National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR) will be established?

- 1) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Hyderabad, Telangana.
- 4) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer- **2) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

On 18th September 2024, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved the establishment of a National Centre of Excellence (**NCoE**) for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality (**AVGC-XR**) in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- It will be administered by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (**MoI&B**).
- This marks a significant step in strengthening India's media and entertainment industry.
- It aims to create a world class talent pool in India to address the Indian as well as global entertainment industry.
- It will mainly focus on creation of India's Intellectual Property (IP) for both domestic and international consumption.

11. Which department under the Ministry of Finance (MoF) has kept the interest rate on Small Savings Schemes (SSS) unchanged for its 3rd Quarter of financial Year 2024-25(Q3 FY25)?

- 1) Department of Financial Services
- 2) Department of Economic Affairs
- 3) Department of Revenue
- 4) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- 5) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management

Answer- 2) Department of Economic Affairs

Explanation:

On 30th September 2024, the Department of Economic Affairs (**DEA-Budget Division**), Ministry of Finance (MoF) has kept the interest rate on Small Savings Schemes (SSS) unchanged for its 3rd Quarter of financial Year 2024-25(Q3 FY25) i.e. **from 1st October, 2024 to 31st December, 2024** from those notified for Q2FY25.

- This is for the **3rd** consecutive quarter of FY25 that interest rate on SSSs remain unchanged.
- In December 2023, the Government of India (**GoI**) increased the interest rates of some of the small savings scheme such as: Sukanya Samridhi Yojana (SSY) and 3-year Time Deposit, were increased **by 20 basis points** (bps) for **Q4FY24**.
- The PPF rates have remained unchanged since April 2020. It was last changed in April-June 2020, when it declined from **7.9% to 7.1%**.
- SSSs are **savings instruments** managed by the GoI to encourage citizens to save regularly.
- The SSSs are broadly classified into **3** categories: **savings deposits**, **social security schemes**, and **monthly income plan**.

12. Who gave a warm send-off to the 7000 Kilometer “Vayu Veer Vijeta” car rally from New Delhi to mark the 92nd anniversary of the Indian Air Force (IAF)?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Draupadi Murmu
- 4) Nitin Gadkari
- 5) Amit Shah

Answer- 2) Rajnath Singh

Explanation:

On 1st October 2024, Union Minister **Rajnath Singh**, Ministry of Defence (MoD) gave a warm send-off to **“Vayu Veer Vijaeta”** car rally from the National War Memorial in New Delhi(Delhi) to commemorate the **92nd** anniversary of the Indian Air Force (IAF) on 8th October 2024.

- The rally will formally flag-off from **Thoise in Ladakh**, one of the world’s highest altitude air force stations at 3,068 meter (m) above mean sea level on 8th October, 2024 and will culminate at **Tawang** in Arunachal Pradesh (AR) on 29th October, 2024.
- The main objective of the rally is to raise awareness among the people about the glorious history of IAF; the deeds of valour of the air warriors in various wars and rescue operations; and attract the youth to serve the motherland.
- The IAF also organised an Airshow with the theme ‘**Saksham, Sashakta, Amtanirbhar** (Potent, Powerful, Self-reliant)’ in Chennai (Tamil Nadu) at **Marina Beach** on October 6, 2024. This was one of the biggest air shows conducted by the IAF. [Click here to read more.](#)

13. Which state has recently (in October' 24) became the first state to get NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform(WEP) chapter?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- 2) Telangana

Explanation:

In a landmark initiative to boost women-led businesses, **Telangana** became the **first state** in India to launch its own state chapter of National Institution for Transforming India(NITI) Aayog's **Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)**.

- The '**WEP Telangana Chapter**' was launched by BVR Subrahmanyam, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog in the presence of State Information and Technology(IT) and Industries secretary, Jayesh Ranjan and co-chair of WEP, Sangeetha Reddy in **Hyderabad(Telangana)**.
- **Sita Pallocholla** has been appointed as the Mission Director of the WEP Telangana Chapter.
- WE Hub, a Telangana government initiative, is a special platform set up in 2018 to support women entrepreneurs in the state.
- The main objective is to offer **support to women entrepreneurs** in Telangana, with a focus on mentoring, financing, and skill development.

14. Which of the following points is/are 'correct' with respect to the approval of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

A) The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi has approved the improvisation of the existing Productivity Linked Reward (PLR) Scheme for the major ports and dock labour Board employees/workers from 2020-21 to 2025-26.

B) The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of 'Letter of Intent' that led India to join the 'Energy Efficiency Hub'.

C)The Union Cabinet has approved to provide the status of Classical Language to Hindi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali languages.

- 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 3rd October 2024, the **Union Cabinet** chaired by Prime Minister (PM) **Narendra Modi** approved the following,

- The improvisation of the existing Productivity Linked Reward (PLR) Scheme for the major ports and dock labour Board employees/workers from **2020-21 to 2025-26**.
- The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (**PM-RKVY**) to promote sustainable agriculture and the Krishonnati Yojana (**KY**) to achieve food security for self-sufficiency.
- The signing of 'Letter of Intent' that led India to join the '**Energy Efficiency Hub**'.

- To provide the **status** of **Classical Language** to **Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese** and **Bengali** languages.
- The proposal of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs(**MoHUA**) for **Chennai Metro Rail Project Phase-II** comprising three corridors.
- Payment of **Productivity Linked Bonus** (PLB) for 78 days to railway employees.
- The **National Mission on Edible Oils** – Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds) for 2024-25 to 2030-31.
- Creation of a post of the **Presiding Officer** for the Special Tribunal (full time) at Talcher, Odisha under the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957. [Click here to read more.](#)

15. The National Quantum Mission (NQM) has recently (in October '24) selected premier institutions to establish _____ in India.

- 1) Testing facilities
- 2) Centre for Development of Telematics
- 3) Thematic Hubs
- 4) Centre for Medical facilities
- 5) Centre for Industrial Competences

Answer- **3) Thematic Hubs**

Explanation:

On 30th September 2024, Union Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge, IC) **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Ministry for Science & Technology (MoS&T) announced the establishment of **Thematic Hubs** (T-Hubs) and **Technical Groups** for National Quantum Mission (**NQM**) via video conferencing at a ceremony held in New Delhi, Delhi.

- It includes the establishment of **4 T-Hubs** comprising 14 Technical Groups (17 Project Teams) across 17 states and 2 Union Territories (UTs) in India.
- These hubs will play a pivotal role in bridging the gap between research and industry and will ensure that innovations developed in these hubs lead to tangible advancements in the marketplace.
- Each T-Hub will function under the **Hub-Spoke-Spike model**, supporting a cluster based network of research projects (Spokes) and individual research groups (Spikes).
- **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Ministry for Science & Technology (MoS&T) virtually launched '**Bharat Gen**', an pioneering initiative in generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) designed to revolutionise public service delivery and boost citizen engagement. [Click here to read more.](#)

16. On October 4 2024, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Railways, attended the 40th Raising Day Parade of the _____ in Nashik, Maharashtra.

- 1) Central Reserve Police Force
- 2) Border Security Force
- 3) Railway Protection Force
- 4) National Security Guard
- 5) Special Protection Group

Answer- 3) Railway Protection Force

Explanation:

On 4th October 2024, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Railways, attended the **40th Raising Day Parade** of the **Railway Protection Force (RPF)** at the Zonal Training Centre in Nashik, Maharashtra.

- As the Chief Guest, he honoured **33 RPF personnel** with **Police Medals** for Meritorious Service and **Jeevan Raksha Medals** for their courageous efforts in saving passengers' lives during 2023 and 2024.
- The minister announced a **Rs 35 crore grant** for upgrading and modernizing RPF Zonal Training Centres, focusing on facilities for women.
- An additional **Rs 5.5 crore** was allocated for enhancing training infrastructure at the **RPF Dog Squad Zonal Training Centre** in Tamil Nadu (TN).
- **RPF Raising Day** is annually observed on **20th September** to commemorate the day on which RPF was given the status of Armed Force of the Union.

17. Which state traditional products have recently (in October '24) received the Geographical Indications (GI) Tag by the GI Registry?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Assam
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- 3) Assam

Explanation:

The **Geographical Indications (GI) Registry** (Chennai, Tamil Nadu-TN) under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade(DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry(MoCI) has granted the GI tag to **8 products** from **Assam**.

- The 8 new GI products include traditional food items and several unique varieties of rice beer reflecting the practices of the Bodo Tribe of Assam.
- The application for the GI tag for Jou Gwran; Maibra Jou Bidwi and Jou Gishi, the rice beer variants, were filed by the Bodo Traditional Brewers Association.
- **Jou Gwran**- This boasts the **highest alcohol content** at around **16.11%** among rice beers by Bodo community.
- **Maibra Jou Bidwi** also called '**Maibra Jwu Bidwi**' or '**Maibra Zwu Bidwi**', this drink is cherished as a welcome beverage.
- **Jou Gishi**- It is another traditionally fermented rice-based alcoholic drink.
- **Napham**- It is a **fermented fish dish** made anaerobically in a sealed container in a process that requires about two-three months.
- **Ondla**- It is a **rice powder curry** flavoured with garlic, ginger, salt, and lkali.
- **Gwkha** also known as 'Gwka Gwkhi,' is a dish prepared for the **Bwisagu festival**.
- **Narzi**- It is a semi-fermented dish made with **jute leaves** (Corchorus capsularis).
- The **Association of Traditional Bodo Weavers** has secured a GI tag for the **Bodo Aronai**, a small, beautiful cloth. [Click here to read more.](#)

18. Which organisation/ministry has recently (in September '24) launched 'ANNA DARPAN', a new digital platform that will replace the Depot Online System?

- 1) Food Corporation of India
- 2) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
- 3) Food and Agriculture Organization
- 4) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- 5) Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Answer- 1) Food Corporation of India

Explanation:

The **Food Corporation of India** (FCI) under the Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution, has launched a comprehensive digital transformation initiative to modernize its existing supply chain management system '**Depot Online System**', with the implementation of a new, microservices-based integrated supply chain management system named '**Anna Darpan**'.

- The system is being developed to streamline and improve supply chain operations and services at all levels, including Mandis, Mills, Depots (both owned and hired), divisional, regional, zonal, and headquarters operations.
- M/s Coforge Limited has been selected as the System Integrator (SI) by FCI. This selection was finalized with the signing of the contract on 14th June 2024.
- ANNA DARPAN system's end-to-end design, development, implementation, and maintenance is under the responsibility of M/s Coforge Limited.

19. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), in collaboration with TSPs, has recently (in October '24) introduced an advanced system designed to identify and block incoming international spoofed calls.

In TSP, P denotes _____.

- 1) Process
- 2) Provider
- 3) Party
- 4) Protocol
- 5) Programme

Answer- 2) Provider

Explanation:

The **Department of Telecommunications** (DoT) which operates under the Ministry of Communications (MoC) has teamed up with major Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) to launch a **two-tiered system** to address the growing problem of telecom fraud, where scammers use tricks to manipulate **Caller Line Identification** (CLI) and commit financial scams.

- The system is designed to **identify and block** incoming international calls that are disguised to show Indian mobile numbers. This mechanism is crucial in preventing scams before they reach consumers.
- This partnership aims to leverage the capabilities of multiple telecom operators to create a comprehensive defence against fraudulent calls.
- **Sanchar Saathi portal** (www.sancharsaathi.gov.in) individuals can easily share their experiences and alert authorities about potential fraud, enhancing the system's effectiveness.

- **Digital Intelligence Platform** that enables information sharing between local authorities, central agencies, banks, telecom operators, and other stakeholders to prevent online scams.

20. Which institute has been recently (in September '24) awarded with Accreditation (6890-n) by the Capacity Building Commission(CBC) under the National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutions (NSCSTI)?

- 1) National Institute for MSME, Hyderabad
- 2) RailTel Corporation of India Limited, New Delhi
- 3) Agro Rangers, Pune
- 4) Central Labour Institute, Mumbai
- 5) Regional Labour Institute, Chennai

Answer- **5) Regional Labour Institute, Chennai**

Explanation:

The Regional Labour Institute(**RLI**)**Chennai**, Tamil Nadu(TN) has been awarded with **Accreditation (6890-n)** by the Capacity Building Commission(CBC) under the National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutions (NSCSTI).

- It has received the Certificate of Accreditation with the grading of "**Uttam**".
- RLI Chennai has been awarded for rendering nesting services and maintaining high standards in the Occupational Safety and Health (**OSH**) Training field.
- RLI Chennai is a subordinate office of the Directorate General Factory Advice Service And Labour Institutes (DGFASLI), under the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE).

21. For which disease, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) announced significant enhancements to nutritional support under Ni-Kshay Poshan Yojana?

- 1) Tuberculosis
- 2) Elephantiasis
- 3) Multiple Sclerosis
- 4) Fatty Liver Disease
- 5) Hepatitis

Answer- **1) Tuberculosis**

Explanation:

On 7th October 2024, Union Minister **Jagat Prakash (JP) Nadda**, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (**MoH&FW**) announced significant enhancements to nutritional support for **Tuberculosis (TB)**. The initiatives aim to improve the health and recovery of TB patients and their household contacts.

- The Ni-Kshay Poshan Yojana (**NPY**) has increased monthly nutritional support from Rs. 500 per month/patient to **Rs. 1,000/month/patient** for TB patients throughout their treatment.
- There will be introduction of **Energy Dense Nutritional Supplementation (EDNS)** for all patients with a Body Mass Index (BMI) **below 18.5 kilogram per meter square (kg/m²)** at the time of diagnosis.
- EDNS will be provided for the **first two months of treatment** to eligible patients.
- The expansion of scope and coverage of Ni-kshay Mitra initiative will also be extended to the family members of TB patients under **Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (PMTBMBA)**.

22. Which state has recently (in October' 24) become the first state in India to implement a new administrative structure called 'Co-Districts'?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Assam

Answer- 5) Assam

Explanation:

Assam has become the **first state** in India to launch and operationalize Co-Districts, a pioneering initiative to decentralise district administration and take governance to the grassroots. Co-Districts are the targeted administrative units in a district.

- 21 such co-districts were launched across Assam with an aim of bringing governance and administrative work closer to citizens' homes.
- Assam Chief Minister (CM) **Himanta Biswa Sarma** launched the administrative revamp in 2023, which eliminates the previous system of 24 civil sub-divisions.
- Co-Districts, the smaller administrative units, will function below the district level.
- This will streamline the delivery of essential services like issuing certificates, ration cards, land permits, and government approvals.

23. Which of the following points is/are correct with respect to the approval of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 9th October?

A) The Union Cabinet has approved the development of the world-class National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) at Lothal, Gujarat, to be executed in two phases.

B) Construction of 2,280 km of roads in Rajasthan and Punjab, with an investment of Rs 4,406 crore has been approved.

C) Continuation of the universal supply of Fortified Rice Kernels (FRK) under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) from July 2024 to December 2028, at a cost of Rs 17,082 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- 5) All A, B & C

Explanation:

On 9th October 2024, the Union Cabinet chaired by Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (PM) of India, has approved the following proposals for,

- The Union Cabinet has approved the development of the world-class National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) at Lothal, Gujarat, to be executed in two phases.
- With the foundation stone laid in **March 2019**, the NMHC is envisioned to be one of the **largest maritime complexes** in the world.

- Construction of **2,280 km of roads** in Rajasthan and Punjab, with an investment of **Rs 4,406 crore** has been approved.
- Continuation of the universal supply of Fortified Rice Kernels (**FRK**) under various Central Government schemes, including Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (**PMGKAY**), from July **2024 to December 2028**, at a cost of **Rs 17,082 crore** has been approved.
- The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved deals for the purchase of **31 MQ-9B** High Altitude Long Endurance (**HALE**) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (**UAV**) from **General Atomics** of the United States of America (**USA**), and indigenous construction of **two Nuclear Attack Submarines** (SSN). [Click here to read more.](#)

24. In which state, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has recently (in October '24) virtually laid the foundation stone for development projects in the state worth over Rs 7,600 crore?

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

Answer- 5) Maharashtra

Explanation:

On October 9, 2024, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone for development projects worth over **Rs 7,600 crore** in Maharashtra.

- The PM laid the foundation stone of the **upgradation of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport**, Nagpur, Maharashtra, with an estimated cost of **Rs 7,000 crore**.
- He also laid the foundation stone of the New Integrated Terminal Building at Shirdi Airport costing over **Rs 645 crore**. This terminal will enhance facilities for religious tourists.
- He announced the operationalisation of **10 Government Medical Colleges** in Maharashtra.
- He inaugurated the Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) in Mumbai under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) between **Tata Education and Development Trust** and Government of India (**GoI**). [Click here to read more.](#)

25. Which country has recently (in October' 24) been officially declared free from trachoma, a contagious bacterial infection by the World Health Organization (WHO)?

- 1) Jordan
- 2) Nigeria
- 3) India
- 4) Curaçao
- 5) Brazil

Answer- 3) India

Explanation:

The **World Health Organization** (WHO) has declared that the Government of India(**GoI**) has eliminated **Trachoma** as a public health problem. India received this honor at the **77th** Regional Conference of World Health Organization (WHO) South East Asia Region held in New Delhi.

- It has become the **3rd** country in the South-East Asia Region after **Nepal** and **Myanmar** to secure this milestone.

- Trachoma is an eye disease caused by infection with the bacterium **Chlamydia trachomatis**.
- In **1963**, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), GoI introduced a National Trachoma Control Program with support from WHO and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
- The National Program for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment (**NPCBVI**) was introduced in **1976** and the National Trachoma Control Program activities were integrated with activities of NPCBVI. [Click here to read more.](#)

26. The Ministry of Coal has reported that the cumulative coal production (up to September 2024) has reached _____ in the financial year 2024-2025 (FY 24-25).

- 1) 453.01 Million Ton
- 2) 450.30 Million Ton
- 3) 435.03 Million Ton
- 4) 427.97 Million Ton
- 5) 540.65 Million Ton

Answer- 1) 453.01 Million Ton

Explanation:

The **Ministry of Coal** witnessed an increase in coal production during September 2024, achieving **68.94 Million Ton (MT)**. This is higher than the 2023 production of 67.26 MT for the same month (September 2023), reflecting a notable growth of **2.49%**.

- The cumulative coal production (up to September 2024) has reached **453.01MT (Provisional)** in the financial year 2024-2025 (FY 24-25) as compared to 427.97 MT during the same period in FY 23-24, with a growth of **5.85%**.
- The Cumulative Coal dispatch (up to September 2024) stood at 487.87 MT (Provisional) in FY 24-25, compared to 462.27 MT during the same period in FY 23-24, with a growth of 5.54%.
- The Ministry of Coal is focusing on enhancing coal production and optimising dispatch to meet India's increasing energy demands.

27. In which state, India's First Modern Gaushala with Bio Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Plant was recently (in October' 24) inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- 4) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

On 2nd October 2024 (Swachhta diwas), Prime Minister(PM) **Narendra Modi** virtually inaugurated the '**Lal Tipara Gaushala**', India's first modern and self-reliant Gaushala (cow shelter) with Bio Compressed Natural Gas (**CNG**) plant in **Gwalior**, Madhya Pradesh(MP).

- The Gaushala was established over 2 hectares in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (**IOCL**). It was developed at a cost of Rs 32 crore from the Corporate Social Responsibility(CSR) fund of the IOCL.
- The plant can produce 3 tonnes of natural gas per day using 100 tonnes of cow dung. The plant will also produce 20 tonnes of high-quality organic manure.

28. Who has recently (in October' 24) inaugurated the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) Observatory, Asia's Largest and the World's Highest Imaging Cherenkov Observatory at Hanle, Ladakh?

- 1) Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Sanjay Seth
- 4) Chirag Paswan
- 5) Narendra Modi

Answer- **1) Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty**

Explanation:

On **4th October 2024**, Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission(AEC), inaugurated the **Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) Observatory at Hanle, Ladakh**. The project aims to foster collaborations with other countries, strengthening India's role in global space research.

- The event was part of the DAE's **75th** anniversary celebrations, where Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty unveiled **special plaques** to mark the occasion.
- MACE is the **biggest** Cherenkov telescope in Asia and is located at around **4,300 meters(m)** above sea level, making it the **highest** in the world.
- It is indigenously built by Mumbai(Maharashtra) based **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**, with help from Hyderabad **Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL)** and other Indian partners.

29. Lieutenant Commander (Lt. Cdr) Dilna K. and Lt. Cdr Roopa A of Indian Navy (IN) have recently (in October' 24) embarked on a voyage to circumnavigate the globe as part of the Navika Sagar Parikrama II expedition on the _____.

- 1) INS Rajali
- 2) INS Shivalik
- 3) INSV Tarini
- 4) INS Dega
- 5) INS Visakhapatnam

Answer- **3) INSV Tarini**

Explanation:

Lieutenant Commander (Lt. Cdr) **Dilna K.** and Lt. Cdr **Roopa A.**, the two women officers of the Indian Navy (IN) have embarked on a voyage to circumnavigate the globe in a sailboat, named '**Navika Sagar Parikrama**' on the Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (**INSV**) **Tarini**.

- The **2nd edition of Navika Sagar Parikrama expedition** was flagged off at the Ocean Sailing Node, INS Mandovi near Panaji, Goa by Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi on 2nd October 2024.
- Navika Sagar Parikrama is a maritime expedition by the Indian Navy(IN) that involves circumnavigating the globe in a sailboat crewed by women officers.
- The voyage covering around 23,000 nautical miles will take around **240 days**, across 4 continents through 3 oceans and 3 challenging Capes.

30. Which state government has recently (in October '24) got approval from the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for the establishment of the state's second tiger reserve?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Chhattisgarh

Answer- **4) Bihar**

Explanation:

The central government (CG) has approved the establishment of **Bihar's second tiger** reserve in the **Kaimur** district. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (**NTCA**) and a **technical committee** granted their approval during its 12th meeting.

- This approval is significant for wildlife conservation efforts, particularly in managing the rising tiger population that has exceeded the capacity of the existing **Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR)** in the West Champaran District, Bihar.
- The plan includes converting the **Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS)** into a tiger reserve, with potential relocation of some tigers from **VTR** to help maintain ecological balance and reduce overcrowding in the existing reserve.
- The VTR currently houses 54 tigers, surpassing the ideal limit of 45.
- The Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary, covering about 1,134 square kilometers(km²), is the largest wildlife sanctuary in Bihar, with the highest green cover in the state at 34%.

31. Where was the Phase-2 of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) Hackathon 2024 conducted in October 2024?

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 3) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 4) Timehri, Guyana
- 5) New Delhi, Delhi

Answer- **5) New Delhi, Delhi**

Explanation:

The Phase-2 of the International Telecommunication Union (**ITU**) World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (**WTSA**) Hackathon 2024 concluded on October 8, 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, Delhi.

- It was organized by the ITU and hosted by the Department of Telecommunications (**DoT**), Ministry of Communications (MoC) of India under the theme "**AI Bharat 5G/6G Sandbox.**"

- The ITU WTSa Hackathon attracted 88 registered teams, with 12 advancing to the 40-hour in-person Phase-2 competition.
- Participants engaged in expert talks, mentoring sessions, and live demonstrations, focusing on integrating Artificial Intelligence AI/ML (Machine Learning) into 5G/6G networks while aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Each team received cloud credits worth **Rs. 83,500 (USD 1,000)** to optimize their AI solutions.
- The first phase ran from August 7 to September 30, 2024, with diverse teams competing online to integrate AI/ML into 5G/6G infrastructures.

32. Who has recently (in October '24) unveiled a commemorative postage stamp titled '25 Years of Progress – Mundra Port' to mark the completion of 25 years of Mundra Port?

- 1) Droupadi Murmu
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
- 4) Shantanu Thakur
- 5) Bhupendra Patel

Answer- **5) Bhupendra Patel**

Explanation:

On 9th October 2024 (World Post Day), Bhupendra Patel, Chief Minister (CM) of Gujarat, unveiled a commemorative postage stamp titled '**25 Years of Progress – Mundra Port**' to mark the completion of 25 years of Mundra Port's development during an event held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. India Post has also introduced a special cover and stamp cancellation procedure.

- The stamp depicts the journey of Mundra from an ordinary jetty to a vital global shipping hub.
- This commemorative stamp was released by India Post in collaboration with Adani Ports and SEZ Limited(APSEZ).
- A replica of the stamp sheet will be permanently displayed at the National Philatelic Museum in New Delhi, Delhi.
- Mundra is a significant port located on the northern coast of the Gulf of Kutch. It was established as a captive jetty in 1994. [Click here to read more.](#)

33. In which city, Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh recently (in October 2024) inaugurated India's 1st Demonstration Facility for Biopolymers?

- 1) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- 2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Pune, Maharashtra
- 4) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 5) Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Answer- **3) Pune, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

On 13th October 2024, Union Minister of State (Independent charge, IC) **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Ministry of Science and Technology(MoST), virtually inaugurated **India's 1st Demonstration Facility for Biopolymers** at Jejuri, Pune, Maharashtra.

- The facility was developed by Pune-based **Praj Industries Limited**, an Indian multinational process and project engineering company.

- This state-of-the-art centre is designed to produce Polylactic Acid (**PLA**) bioplastic using advanced, indigenously developed technology.
- India ranks **12th** globally and **3rd** in the Asia-Pacific region in biotechnology. It is the largest vaccine producer and has the third-largest startup ecosystem.
- India's bioeconomy surpassed **USD 150 billion** in 2023 and is projected to reach USD 300 billion by 2030.

34. Which state has recently (in October '24) launched India's first state-level Cyber Command and Control Center (CCC)?

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- **4) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

The **Maharashtra State Cyber Department** in partnership with Vadodara(Gujarat) based Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Technology Services Limited (**LTTS**) launched India's **first state-level Cyber Command and Control Center (CCC)** at Mahape in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- The project was approved in 2016 by the then Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis. In 2022, the project was revived and approved by the state cabinet in 2023 at the cost of Rs 837 crore.
- The CCC aims to enhance the speed and efficiency of investigating cyber incidents, thereby fast-tracking cybercrime investigations.
- The CCC integrates state-of-the-art technologies such as **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** and **blockchain**, alongside over 50 global forensic and cybersecurity tools, including 17 threat intelligence tools. These technologies enable the center to monitor and mitigate cyber threats in real-time.

35. Name the first Memorial Park that was recently (in October '24) inaugurated by the Indian Army (IA) in Pune, Maharashtra to honour Military Intelligence (MI) personnel who lost their lives in service.

- 1) Saraighat War Memorial Park
- 2) Kargil Memorial Park
- 3) Khalubar War Memorial
- 4) Satark Park
- 5) Rashtriya Sainika Smaraka

Answer- **4) Satark Park**

Explanation:

The **Indian Army (IA)** inaugurated its first memorial, "**Satark Park**" in Pune(Maharashtra), dedicated to honouring Military Intelligence (**MI**) personnel who lost their lives in service. The memorial is inspired by MI's motto "Sada Satark" (always alert).

- The memorial has been constructed, maintained and operated by the (**MINTSD**) with support from Pune based Roadway Solutions India Infra Limited (**RSIIL**).

- The park displays busts of 40 MI personnel, including 11 officers, who have lost their lives in various operations, mainly in Jammu and Kashmir(J&K) and along the North Eastern borders since 1962, along with short descriptions of their contributions.

36. Who has recently (in October '24) unveiled the new multi-coloured logo for Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Manoj Kumar Singh
- 3) Suresh Kumar Khanna
- 4) Yogi Adityanath
- 5) Anandiben Patel

Answer- 4) Yogi Adityanath

Explanation:

Uttar Pradesh(UP) Chief Minister(CM) **Yogi Adityanath** unveiled the new multi-coloured logo for **Maha Kumbh Mela 2025** in Prayagraj (earlier Allahabad), UP. During the event, the CM launched the website and application(app) for Kumbh Mela 2025.

- The Kumbh Mela 2025 is one such festival admired by the Hindus and scheduled to take place in Prayagraj from January 13th to February 26th, 2025. Mahakumbh is a Persian name that is derived from Sanskrit.
- The design of the logo **features a temple, a seer, an urn, the Akshayvat tree and an image of Lord Hanuman**, representing the confluence of nature and humanity in the Sanatana civilization.
- The logo prominently features the city's most sacred site, the **Triveni Sangam, the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati rivers.**

37. Which of the following points is/are correct with respect to the approval of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 16th October 2024?

A) The Union Cabinet has approved a 5% increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners.

B) The Varanasi-Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya multi-tracking project of the Ministry of Railways with an estimated cost of Rs 2642 crore has been approved.

C) The continuation of the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) to provide fair prices for farmers and monitor price fluctuations in essential commodities for consumers has been approved.

- 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:

The **Union Cabinet** chaired by Prime Minister (**PM**) Narendra Modi has approved various schemes and projects on **16th October 2024.**

- The Union Cabinet has approved a **3%** increase in Dearness Allowance (**DA**) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (**DR**) to pensioners, with effect from 1st July 2024.

- The **Varanasi-Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya multi-tracking project** of the Ministry of Railways with an estimated cost of Rs 2642 crore has been approved.
- The continuation of the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (**PM-AASHA**) to provide fair prices for farmers and monitor price fluctuations in essential commodities for consumers has been approved.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (**CCEA**) has approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (**MSP**) for all mandated **Rabi Crops** for Marketing Season 2025-26. [Click here to read more.](#)

38. Which Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) has recently (in October' 24) upgraded as the 14th Maharatna CPSE by the Ministry of Finance?

- 1) Rural Electrification Corporation Limited
- 2) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 3) Railtel Corporation of India Limited
- 4) Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited
- 5) Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited

Answer- **2) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**

Explanation:

On 12th October 2024, the Department of Enterprise (**DPE**) under the Ministry of Finance (MoF) upgraded the status of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) from "Navratna" Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) to the "**Maharatna**". With this, HAL becomes the **14th** "Maharatna" CPSE in India.

- The new status will enhance HAL's operational autonomy and financial powers as now; it can make investments up to **15%** of its net worth in projects and can invest maximum **Rs 5,000 crore** in foreign ventures without the approval of the Government of India (GoI).
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract worth **Rs 26,000 crore** with HAL for procurement of 240 **AL-31FP** Aero Engines for **Su-30MKI** aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Initially, the Government of India (GoI) introduced the "**Navratna**" scheme in **1997** to identify and promote CPSEs in India and help them in becoming global leaders.
- Later, GoI introduced the "**Maharatna**" scheme in 2010, to recognise companies with their potential to become Indian Multinational Companies (MNCs). [Click here to read more.](#)

39. Which state has recently (in October '24) received the approval from the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) to establish a new missile testing range?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- **4) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

The Cabinet Committee on Security (**CCS**) chaired by Prime Minister (PM) **Narendra Modi** had given its approval to establish a new missile testing range in **Nagayalanka** village, Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh (**AP**).

- The new missile testing range will be used for test firing of various tactical missile systems such as: surface-to-air missile systems, anti tank missiles, among others being developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- CCS had also approved the proposal of purchasing **31 Predator** long-endurance armed drones from the United States of America (**USA**) and **two** nuclear submarines to be built by ATV Project India Limited for developing strategic submarines for the Indian Navy (IN).
- **India** signed an agreement worth **USD 4 billion** with the United States of America(**USA**) to acquire 31 MQ-9B Predator high-altitude, long-endurance drones from the USA based **General Atomics**, under the foreign military sales programme. [Click here to read more.](#)

40. Name the initiative that was recently (in October' 24) launched by the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) to support early career researchers in advancing India's scientific excellence and innovation.

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
- 3) Prime Minister Early Career Research Grant
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi
- 5) Scheme for Young Scientists and Technologists

Answer- 3) Prime Minister Early Career Research Grant

Explanation:

The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (**ANRF**) has launched its first two significant initiatives: The Prime Minister Early Career Research Grant (PMECRG) and the Mission for Advancement in High-Impact Areas – Electric Vehicle (MAHA-EV) Mission.

- Aim: To bridge the gap between academic research and industrial application, fostering innovation and scientific excellence in India.
- These initiatives will act as a base for India's research ecosystem, aligning with the government's vision for a **Viksit Bharat (Developed India) by 2047**.
- PMECRG will support **early career researchers** and enhance India's scientific innovation as it is designed with a flexible budget to facilitate research.
- MAHA-EV Mission goal is to develop key Electric Vehicle (EV) technologies to reduce import dependency and enhance domestic innovation, thus supporting the government's Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) initiative.

41. Which sanctuary has been recently (in October 2024) declared as the 8th Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh?

- 1) Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary
- 2) Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary
- 3) Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary
- 4) Tamor Pingla sanctuary
- 5) Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve

Answer- 1) Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary

Explanation:

The State Wildlife Board (WLB) of Madhya Pradesh (**MP**) has accorded approval to declare **Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS)** located near Bhopal, capital city of MP, as **8th Tiger Reserve (TR) of MP**.

- The state WLB will now forward its recommendation to the Government of India (GoI) for the final approval to notify the WLS as the TR.
- In 2011, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) had given in-principle approval to notify Ratapani WLS as a TR.
- At present, Ratapani WLS spans over an area of 823 sq km in Raisen and Sehore districts of MP.
- According to the 2022 Tiger Census, Ratapani WLS has total 3,123 wild animals which include 56 tigers, and 70 leopards.

42. Which policy was recently (in October '24) launched by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways to enhance the convenience of travelling on National Highways?

- 1) Vehicle Scrapping Policy
- 2) BioE3 Policy
- 3) Humsafar Policy
- 4) Zero Emission Trucking Policy
- 5) Green Highways Policy

Answer- **3) Humsafar Policy**

Explanation:

Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari**, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (**MoRTH**) launched the '**Humsafar Policy**' in New Delhi(Delhi) to enhance the convenience of travelling on National Highways(NHs) and accelerate the development of the Wayside Amenities in presence of Minister of State **Ajay Tamta**, MoRTH.

- The Humsafar Policy will introduce facilities, such as clean toilets, baby care rooms, provisions for wheelchairs, Electric Vehicle(EV) charging stations, parking spaces, and dormitory services at fuel stations along highways.
- Commuters can quickly access details of nearby service providers through the mobile application "**Rajmarg Yatra**", launched by the National Highways Authority of India (**NHAI**) in August 2023.

43. Which regulatory authority has recently (in October 2024) released the 'Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Greenwashing or Misleading Environmental Claims, 2024'?

- 1) National Health Authority
- 2) Delhi Development Authority
- 3) Central Consumer Protection Authority
- 4) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
- 5) National Authority for Consumer Protection

Answer- **3) Central Consumer Protection Authority**

Explanation:

The **Central Consumer Protection Authority** (CCPA) has released '[Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Greenwashing or Misleading Environmental Claims, 2024](#)' aimed at preventing and regulating greenwashing and misleading environmental claims.

- This initiative addresses the growing concern over false marketing practices that mislead consumers regarding the environmental benefits of products, and **encourage sustainable business practices**.

- The draft guidelines were opened for public comments on February 20, 2024, receiving input from 27 stakeholders, which helped refine the final document.
- **Environmental Claims (Section 2(e))** refers to representations about products or services that suggest environmentally friendly attributes, including components, manufacturing processes, and disposal methods.
- **Greenwashing (Section 2(f))** describes deceptive practices where companies conceal, exaggerate, or make vague claims about the environmental benefits of their products, often using misleading symbols or imagery. [Click here to read more.](#)

44. In which among the following institutions the Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Education (MoE), announced the setup of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for Healthcare?

- 1) IIT Delhi
- 2) IIT Ropar
- 3) IIT Kanpur
- 4) IIT Bombay
- 5) IIT Madras

Answer- **1) IIT Delhi**

Explanation:

On 15th October 2024, Union Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan**, Ministry of Education (**MoE**), announced the establishment of 3 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centres of Excellence (CoEs) focused on Healthcare, Agriculture, and Sustainable Cities during an event held in New Delhi, Delhi.

- This aims to enhance India's capabilities in AI-driven research and innovation.
- The government of India (GoI) has allocated **Rs 990 crore** for these centres, which will be implemented over **5 years** (FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28).
- The CoEs will be led by top educational institutions in consortium with industry partners and startups.
- **Healthcare:** Indian Institute of Technology(IIT) Delhi and All India Institute of Medical Sciences(AIIMS), New Delhi.
- **Agriculture:** IIT Ropar, Punjab.
- **Sustainable Cities:** IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh (UP).
- This initiative aligns with the government's broader vision of '**Make AI in India and Make AI work for India**', as outlined in the 2023-24 (FY24) Budget.

45. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has recently (in October '24) extended the implementation of Quality Control Order (QCO) to _____ for large and medium-scale manufacturers.

- 1) April 2025
- 2) July 2025
- 3) October 2025
- 4) May 2025
- 5) September 2025

Answer- **1) April 2025**

Explanation:

On October 15, 2024, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (**DPIIT**), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (**MoCI**), announced significant relaxations in the mandatory **Quality Control Order (QCO)** for cookware and utensils, specifically targeting micro units. The QCO will now be implemented with effect from **1st April 2025**.

- This move aims to enhance the ease of doing business while promoting domestic manufacturing.
- The QCO was extended with the amendment in name of the QCO i.e. "Cookware, Utensils, and Cans for Foods and Beverages (Quality Control) Order, 2024" which was notified on 15th March 2024, and effective from 1st September 2024 for Large and Medium-Scale Manufacturers and foreign manufacturers,
- For small enterprises, it will be effective from **July 1, 2025**, and from **October 1, 2025**, for micro enterprises.
- The QCO was initially issued in August 2023 to reduce imports of sub-standard goods and encourage local production in the cookware, utensils, and food and beverage cans sectors.

46. Which mission has recently (in October 2024) selected 8 responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) projects through the Expression of Interest (EoI) floated under the Safe and Trusted AI Pillar?

- 1) Atal Innovation Mission
- 2) Smart Cities Mission
- 3) IndiaAI Mission
- 4) National Supercomputing Mission
- 5) National Mission for Artificial Intelligence

Answer- **3) IndiaAI Mission**

Explanation:

The **IndiaAI mission** has selected **8** responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) projects through the Expression of Interest (**EoI**) floated under the **Safe and Trusted AI** Pillar of the IndiaAI mission.

- These selected responsible AI projects include the development of indigenous tools and frameworks, and framing guidelines for ethical, transparent, and trustworthy AI technologies.
- The IndiaAI mission is in alignment with the Government of India (GoI)'s vision of leveraging AI for inclusive growth.
- The IndiaAI mission has issued an EoI to encourage responsible AI projects across various critical themes such as: Machine Unlearning, Synthetic Data Generation, AI Bias Mitigation, Ethical AI frameworks, Privacy-Enhancing Tools, Explainable AI, AI Governance Testing, and Algorithm Auditing Tools.
- In March 2024, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved IndiaAI mission with budget outlay of **Rs 10,371.92 crore** (USD 1.25 billion) for over the next 5 years.
- It aims to democratize the benefits of AI across all strata of society, strengthen India's global leadership in AI, promote technological self-reliance, and ensure ethical and responsible use of AI. [Click here to read more.](#)

47. The Supreme Court has recently (in October' 24) upheld the constitutional validity of _____ of the Citizenship Act 1955, which recognized the Assam Accord.

- 1) Section 6A
- 2) Section 5A
- 3) Section 7A
- 4) Section 4A
- 5) Section 2A

Answer- 1) Section 6A

Explanation:

The Supreme Court of India (SCI) upheld the constitutionality of Section 6A of the **Citizenship Act, 1955**, with a majority of **4:1** in a **5-judge bench**. As per it, Section 6A does not violate Articles 6 and 7 of the Constitution, which pertain to citizenship rights established at the Constitution's commencement in 1950.

- Instead, **Section 6A** addresses migrants from erstwhile **East Pakistan** (Present **Bangladesh**) who arrived after this date, specifically those who entered Assam between January 1, 1966, and March 24, 1971.
- The majority judges, which includes Chief Justice of India (**CJI**) **Dhananjaya Yeshwant (DY) Chandrachud** and Justices **Surya Kant, M.M. Sundresh**, and **Manoj Misra**, upheld Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, 1955. Justice **Jamshed Burjor (JB) Pardiwala** dissented in the verdict.
- Section 6A was introduced as part of the **Citizenship (Amendment) Act/CAA in 1985** following the Assam Accord, which aimed to resolve tensions over illegal immigration from Bangladesh.
- It grants citizenship to individuals who entered Assam before **January 1, 1966**. Those who arrived between January 1, 1966, and March 24, 1971, can apply for citizenship after ten years of residence in Assam.
- Individuals entering Assam **after March 25, 1971**, are classified as **illegal migrants** and are subject to deportation under legal procedures. [Click here to read more.](#)

48. Which organisation has recently (in October 2024) recognized India's extraordinary progress in advancing Maternal Health and Family Planning?

- 1) United Nations Children's Fund
- 2) United Nations Population Fund
- 3) World Health Organisation
- 4) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- 5) United Nations Development Programme

Answer- 2) United Nations Population Fund

Explanation:

The United Nations Population Fund (**UNFPA**) has recognized India's extraordinary progress in advancing Maternal Health and Family Planning.

- **Natalia Kanem**, Executive Director of UNFPA, honored **Punya Salila Srivastava**, Secretary, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India (GoI), with a plaque and certificate, reaffirming UNFPA's strong dedication to partnering with India to improve women's health and well-being.

- MoHFW aims to improve maternal health and work towards zero preventable maternal deaths under the Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan Yojana (**SUMAN**), Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (**PMSMA**), and the Midwifery Services Initiative.

49. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the inauguration and foundation stone laying for multiple projects by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on 20th October 2024, aimed at enhancing connectivity and regional development?

A) He inaugurated new terminal buildings of Rewa Airport, Maa Mahamaya Airport, Ambikapur and Sarsawa Airport worth over Rs 220 crore.

B) He laid the foundation stone for the expansion of the airport runway and construction of a new terminal building and associated work of the Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi with a total outlay of around Rs.2570 crore.

C) PM Modi inaugurated Phases 2 and 3 of the redevelopments of Varanasi Sports Complex worth over Rs 210 crore under the Khelo India scheme and the Smart City mission.

1) Only A & B

2) Only A & C

3) Only B & C

4) Only B

5) All A, B & C

Answer- 2) Only A & C

Explanation:

On 20th October 2024, Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (PM) of India, inaugurated and laid the foundation for multiple significant projects in **Varanasi**, Uttar Pradesh (UP) to boost connectivity and regional development.

- PM Modi laid the foundation stone for the expansion of the airport runway and construction of a new terminal building and associated work of the **Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport**, Varanasi with a total outlay of around **Rs.2870 crore**.
- He also laid the foundation stone of the New Civil Enclave at Agra Airport worth more than Rs 570 crore, Darbhanga Airport worth around Rs 910 crore and Bagdogra Airport worth around Rs 1550 crore
- He also inaugurated new terminal buildings of Rewa Airport, Maa Mahamaya Airport, Ambikapur and Sarsawa Airport worth over Rs 220 crore
- PM Modi inaugurated **RJ Sankara Eye Hospital** in Varanasi. The hospital will provide comprehensive consultation and treatment facilities for various eye conditions. It is the **14th** hospital to be run by the Kanchi Math in India
- PM Modi inaugurated the **Phases 2 and 3** of the redevelopments of **Varanasi Sports Complex** worth over **Rs 210 crore** under the Khelo India scheme and the Smart City mission. [Click here to read more.](#)

50. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has recently (in October' 24) notified amendments in _____ for ease in claiming credit for TCS collected/TDS deducted for salaried employees

1) Income-tax rules

2) Mutual fund norms

- 3) Sales return norms
- 4) Know Your Client norms
- 5) Foreign Portfolio Investors norms

Answer- **1) Income-tax rules**

Explanation:

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has **updated** Income-Tax **(IT) rules** to simplify the process for salaried employees to claim credit for Tax Collected at Source (**TCS**) and Tax Deducted at Source (**TDS**). This amendment follows the guidelines set in the Union Budget 2024- 25.

- These amendments will tackle the cash flow issues faced by employees and to lessen the compliance requirements linked to refund claims.
- Sub-section (2B) of Section 192 of **IT Act, 1961** has been revised to facilitate easier TDS deductions for salaried employees, incorporating all relevant TDS/TCS provisions of Chapter XVII-B or Chapter XVII-BB of the Act.
- A new form namely '**Form No. 12BAA**' has been established by amending IT Rules, 1962, for employees to report necessary particulars to employers responsible for making payments under **sub-section (1)** of Section 192, and will also use this information for TDS calculations.
- Employees will use this form to report TDS and TCS other than their salaries, including fixed deposits, insurance commissions, dividends from equity shares, and TCS from purchases like cars or foreign currency to their employers.
- This form was introduced through the Income-tax (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2024 and effective from **October 1, 2024**.
- An amendment is made in sub-section (4) of **Section 206C** of the Act allowing parents to claim TCS credits when their minor child's income is included in the parent's taxable income.
- CBDT Notification No. 114/2024 amends Rule 37-I of IT Rules is also amended to enable TCS credits to be claimed by individuals other than the collectee, aligning with the new provisions.

51. In which sector, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy recently (in October' 24) approved three pilot projects to use hydrogen under the National Green Hydrogen Mission?

- 1) Steel
- 2) Textile
- 3) Information technology
- 4) Chemical
- 5) Iron

Answer- **1) Steel**

Explanation:

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (**MNRE**) has approved **three** pilot projects under the National Green Hydrogen Mission(**NGHM**) aimed at utilizing green hydrogen in steel production. The Government of India(GoI) has allocated **Rs 347 crore** to support these projects, which are expected to become operational within the next three years.

These initiatives represent a crucial step towards cleaner steel making technologies, with the goal of reducing carbon emissions in the sector.

Note: The NGHM was launched on January 4, 2023, with a budget of **Rs 19,744 crore**.

- Ahmedabad(Gujarat) based **Matrix Gas and Renewables Limited** leads a consortium with Gensol Engineering Ltd (Ahmedabad), the Indian Institute of Technology(IIT) Bhubaneswar (Odisha) and Metsol AB (Sweden) working on a pilot project with a plant capacity of **50 tons per day (TPD)**.
- Bhilai(Chhattisgarh) based **Simplex Castings Limited**, leads a consortium with BSBK Private Limited, (Bhilai), Ten Eight Investment, and the IIT Bhilai, Bhilai. This consortium is working on a pilot project with a plant capacity of **40 tons per day (TPD)**.
- New Delhi(Delhi) based Steel Authority of India Limited (**SAIL**) is running the largest project under the NGHM, with a **3200 TPD** plant in **Ranchi**(Jharkhand), aimed at advancing green hydrogen in steel production.

52. Which company has recently (in October' 24) collaborated with the Government of India (GoI) to launch the "Scam se Bacho" campaign to tackle online scams and cyber fraud?

- 1) Google
- 2) Meta
- 3) Amazon
- 4) Mastercard
- 5) Microsoft

Answer- 2) Meta

Explanation:

The Government of India(**GoI**), in collaboration with **Meta** Platforms Inc., has launched the "**Scam se Bacho** ", a national user awareness campaign, in New Delhi (Delhi) to combat the increasing prevalence of online scams.

- This two-month-long safety campaign was launched by **Sanjay Jaju**, Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB).
- This initiative represents a comprehensive government strategy aimed at promoting **online security and awareness** among citizens.
- The "**Scam se Bacho** "initiative is a joint effort involving Meta and several key government bodies.
- Meta also released an educational film featuring Bollywood star **Ayushmann Khurrana** that showcases the most common scams that people face in their daily lives and highlights a series of safety features on various Social Media Platforms that empower users to take control of their online safety.

53. In which State/Union Territory, the Ustad Allaiddin Khan Festival has recently (in October' 24) celebrated to promote the rich musical heritage?

- 1) Ladakh
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Ustad Allauddin Khan Festival (also known as Allauddin Khan Sangeet Samaroh) celebrated in **Maihar, Madhya Pradesh (MP)** is dedicated to the legendary musician Ustad Allauddin Khan. 2024 is the **Golden Jubilee year** of this music festival.

- This three-day festival (October 8-10, 2024), organized by the Madhya Pradesh Culture Department, the Maihar District Administration and the Ustad Allauddin Khan Music and Art Academy, features performances from renowned artists across India.
- The event aims to celebrate and promote the rich musical heritage of MP and engage the younger generation in classical music traditions.
- The event is held every year to celebrate classical music and endowed musicians.

54. The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) designated Namdapha National Park and Tiger Reserve and Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary and Tiger Reserve located in _____ (state) as Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ).

- 1) Chhattisgarh
- 2) Meghalaya
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Nagaland
- 5) Assam

Answer- 3) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (**MoEFCC**) designated **Namdapha National Park and Tiger Reserve** and **Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary and Tiger Reserve** located in Changlang and Lohit of Arunachal Pradesh (**AR**) respectively, as Eco-Sensitive Zones (**ESZ**).

- This ESZ designation is a major initiative to conserve the delicate ecosystems of Arunachal Pradesh, strengthening measures to safeguard these natural regions and their biodiversity for future generations.
- ESZ status is intended to protect the areas' rich biodiversity and unique landscapes, creating a **buffer** against potentially damaging human activities and bolstering conservation efforts in the Eastern Himalayas.
- Namdapha National Park and Tiger Reserve is one of India's largest and most biologically diverse protected areas within the Eastern Himalayas. It was declared as Tiger Reserve by the Government in **1983**. It was the 15th Tiger Project of India.
- Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary, designated as a sanctuary in 1989, was named after the Kamlang River that flows through its terrain.

55. In which state, Ultraviolette Automotive Private Limited has recently (in October' 24) launched its 6th Ultraviolette (UV) space station to support and expand UV's Electric Vehicle (EV) ecosystem in India?

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Assam
- 4) Delhi
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- 2) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Bengaluru(Karnataka) based Ultraviolette Automotive Private Limited has launched its **6th Ultraviolette (UV) space station** in Visakhapatnam, **Andhra Pradesh(AP)** to support and expand UV's Electric Vehicle (EV) ecosystem in India, offering services like charging, maintenance and community space for EV users.

- The newly launched UV Space Station spread across 2300 square feet, introduces the high-performance **F77 MACH2 electric motorcycle** to a broader audience, providing EV enthusiasts in the region with access to cutting-edge technology and sustainable mobility solutions.
- F77 MACH2 is equipped with a top-tier 10.3 Kilowatt-hour (kWh) SRB7 Lithium-ion battery, 800,000 kilometre(km) battery warranty.

56. Which state government has recently (in October' 24) introduced 'Shiksha Copilot', a new Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered digital assistant designed to help teachers create lesson plans and improve student learning outcomes?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Telangana

Answer- **2) Karnataka**

Explanation:

The Government of **Karnataka** has introduced '**Shiksha Copilot**', a new Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered digital assistant designed to help teachers create lesson plans and improve student learning outcomes. It was launched by **Madhu Bangarappa**, Minister of School Education and Literacy, Karnataka.

- The initiative is a collaboration between the Sikshana Foundation and Microsoft Research India.
- It is a generative AI tool that quickly creates lesson plans, including activities, videos, and quizzes, tailored to local curriculums.
- The initiative is a collaboration between the Sikshana Foundation and Microsoft Research India. It is part of **Project VeLLM**, (Very Large Language Model), a **Microsoft Research India** initiative that focuses on developing specialized AI copilots for various users, including teachers and farmers.
- The Shiksha Copilot aims to address the challenges faced by teachers in government schools, such as managing multi-grade classrooms with diverse student needs.
- By offering personalized content generation, teachers can create lesson plans that align with the **5Es model**—Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate.

57. Which of the following points is/are correct with respect to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)- World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, Delhi?

A) PM Modi declared that India has emerged as the world's second-largest 5G market and is already working towards 6G development.

B) Reliance Jio has introduced the JioBharat V3 and V4, the next generation of affordable 4G feature phones at the IMC 2024.

C) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) conducted a symposium on the theme- 'Emerging Trends and Technologies in Broadcasting Sector' on 17th October 2024, alongside the IMC-2024.

- 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:

On 15th October 2024, Narendra Modi, Prime Minister(PM) of India, inaugurated the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)- World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024. It was held from 15th to 24th October 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, Delhi.

- PM Modi also inaugurated the 8th edition of India Mobile Congress (IMC 2024), Asia's largest digital technology forum during the programme.
- WTSA was hosted in **India** for the **first time** in ITU's history of 150 years. This also marks the first WTSA hosted in the **Asia-Pacific**.
- The **8th** edition of India Mobile Congress (**IMC 2024**) was held from **15th to 18th October** at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi along with WTSA 2024. The theme of the IMC 2024 was- **The Future Is Now**.
- While addressing IMC 2024, PM Modi declared that India has emerged as the world's **second-largest** 5G market and is already working towards 6G development.
- Reliance Jio has introduced the **JioBharat V3 and V4**, the next generation of affordable 4G feature phones at the IMC 2024.
- The **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** conducted a symposium on the theme- '**Emerging Trends and Technologies in Broadcasting Sector**' on 17th October 2024, alongside the IMC-2024. [Click here to read more.](#)

58. Which ministry has recently (in October '24) launched the 'eShram - One Stop Solution' platform to enhance easier access to various social security schemes for unorganised workers?

- 1) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- 2) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- 3) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 4) Ministry of Power
- 5) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer- **1) Ministry of Labour and Employment**

Explanation:

Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Labour and Employment (**MoL&E**), launched the '**eShram - One Stop Solution**' from New Delhi, Delhi to enhance easier access to various social security schemes for unorganised workers.

- eShram - One Stop Solution will act as a facilitator, ensuring that unorganised workers can easily access various Government schemes.

- The eShram portal, originally launched in August 2021 by MoL&E for creation of the National Database of Unorganized Workers (**NDUW**).
- Unorganised workers aged between **16-59 years** can register on this portal.
- The initiative aligns with the government's broader strategy to improve the livelihoods of unorganised workers and ensure their well-being through targeted welfare schemes.

59. Which among the following nationalised banks has 'not' been recently (in October '24) approved for the creation of the Chief General Manager (CGM) post by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman?

- 1) Bank of Maharashtra
- 2) Indian Bank
- 3) Indian Overseas Bank
- 4) UCO Bank
- 5) Central Bank of India

Answer- 2) Indian Bank

Explanation:

Union Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**, Ministry of Finance(MoF) has approved the restructuring within nationalised banks by creating and increasing the number of **Chief General Manager (CGM)** posts.

- This decision is aimed at enhancing the administrative framework and operational efficiency of these banks.
- The restructuring is based on a review of the banks' business mixes as of March 31, 2023. The new structure aims for a ratio of **one CGM for every four GMs**, ensuring a balanced distribution of responsibilities.
- The Finance Minister has sanctioned the establishment of **64 new CGM posts**, increasing the total from 80 to **144** across all 11 nationalised banks.
- Prior to this, CGM posts were available in six out of eleven nationalised banks. The new CGM positions will be introduced in **five** nationalised banks, namely, Bank of Maharashtra (**BoM**), Pune, Maharashtra; Central Bank of India (**CBI**), Mumbai, Maharashtra; Indian Overseas Bank (**IOB**), Chennai, Tamil Nadu; Punjab & Sind Bank (**PSB**), New Delhi, Delhi and **UCO Bank**, Kolkata, West Bengal.

60. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari unveiled a _____ (denominataion) commemorative coin to mark the Birth Centenary of HH Mataji Nirmala Devi Ji at the National Museum in New Delhi, Delhi.

- 1) Rs 10
- 2) Rs 25
- 3) Rs 50
- 4) Rs 75
- 5) Rs 100

Answer- 5) Rs 100

Explanation:

Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari**, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) unveiled a **Rs 100 commemorative coin** to mark the Birth Centenary of **HH Mataji Nirmala Devi Ji** at the National Museum in New Delhi, Delhi.

- HH Mataji Nirmala Devi Ji was born on March 21,1923 and her Birth Centenary was celebrated in 2023.
- She was the founder of Sahaja Yoga, a new religious movement.
- The Rs 100 coin features an image of HH Mataji Nirmala Devi Ji, symbolizing her teachings and the principle, including inner peace and universal love.

61. Which company has recently (in October '24) partnered with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to enhance the Skill India Mission?

- 1) Visa Inc
- 2) Microsoft
- 3) Google
- 4) Apple
- 5) Meta

Answer- **5) Meta**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (**MSDE**) has partnered with **Meta**, parent company of the social network Facebook, to enhance the Skill India Mission through the development of an **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Assistant** and the establishment of five Centers of Excellence (**CoEs**) focused on Virtual Reality (VR) and Mixed Reality (MR).

- Five CoEs will be established at **National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs)** located in: Hyderabad(Telangana), Bengaluru(Karnataka), Jodhpur(Rajasthan), Chennai (Tamil Nadu, TN), Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh, UP).
- This collaboration aims to leverage advanced technology to improve skill development training and accessibility for learners across India.
- This chatbot will be integrated into the Skill India Digital (**SID**) Portal, providing 24/7 support for users, including quick access to course information, and educational resources.

62. Which company has recently (in October '24) unveiled its new logo and launched its 7 customer centric services in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) Vodafone
- 2) Bharti Airtel
- 3) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited
- 4) Bharat Broadband Network Limited
- 5) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

Answer- **5) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited**

Explanation:

On 22nd October 2024, Union Minister **Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia**, Ministry of Communications (MoC) and Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) unveiled the new logo of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (**BSNL**) and launched its **7** customer centric services at Bharat Sanchar Bhavan in New Delhi, Delhi.

- These newly launched services focus on delivering secure, affordable, and reliable connectivity across India.
- The new logo of BSNL signifies strength, trust, and accessibility. It includes **green** and **white arrows** surrounding India which emphasize the company's expansive nationwide coverage, while the **orange** backdrop symbolizes warmth and inclusivity.

- The bold tagline of BSNL, “**Connecting Bharat**” reflects its unwavering mission to bridge the digital divide by offering a modern, reliable telecom network that connects both urban and rural India.
- BSNL has launched 7 new initiatives built on 3 key pillars: security, affordability, and reliability. [Click here to read more.](#)

63. Which ministry has recently (in October '24) organised the International Workshop on "Modern Technologies in Survey-Resurvey for Urban Land Records" in New Delhi, Delhi?

- 1) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- 3) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- 4) Ministry of Rural Development
- 5) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Answer- **4) Ministry of Rural Development**

Explanation:

On 21st October 2024, Union Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, Ministry of Rural Development (**MoRD**), virtually inaugurated an International Workshop on "**Modern Technologies in Survey-Resurvey for Urban Land Records**" at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (**DAIC**) in New Delhi, Delhi.

- This two-day workshop held from 21st to 22nd October 2024, was organised by the Department of Land Resources (**DoLR**) under the MoRD.
- The objective of the workshop is to showcase global best practices in urban land record modernisation, present applicable technological solutions, and facilitate pilot project planning for selected urban areas.
- The workshop witnessed the participation of experts from Singapore, South Korea, the United Kingdom (UK), Spain, the United States of America (USA), Japan, Germany and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). They presented successful digital land record practices at the workshop.
- The pilot programme of "National Geospatial Knowledge-Based Land Survey of Urban Habitations (NAKSHA)" project of the DoLR has been initiated to create Land Records in Urban Areas. [Click here to read more.](#)

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Which country has recently (in September '24) elected to the Steering Committee of the Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities (Globe Network) in Beijing, China?

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

Answer- **1) India**

Explanation:

On 26th September 2024, **India** was elected to the 15-member **GlobE Steering Committee** of the Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities (GlobE Network) during the 5th plenary meeting and the 8th Steering Committee meeting of the GlobE Network in Beijing, China.

- India's election to the steering committee will allow it to actively contribute to global efforts in combating corruption and facilitating asset recovery.
- The GloBE Network was officially launched on **June 3, 2021**, during a special event at the UN General Assembly Special Session against Corruption (**UNGASS**). It includes 121 member countries and 219 member authorities.
- It has one chair, one vice-chair and 13 members in the Steering Committee for providing leadership to the organisation.

2. Which organisation has recently (in October '24) received Affiliate Membership from International Medical Device Regulators Forum(IMDRF)?

- 1) Narcotics Control Bureau
- 2) Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association
- 3) Indian Council of Medical Research
- 4) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation
- 5) National Medical Commission

Answer- **4) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation**

Explanation:

India has joined the International Medical Device Regulators Forum (**IMDRF**) as an **affiliate member**, as the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (**CDSCO**), under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (**MoH&FW**) has received Affiliate Membership from IMDRF.

- India's application for Affiliate membership was reviewed during the 26th Session of IMDRF held in September 2024 at Seattle, Washington, the United States of America (**USA**).
- This membership will enhance **India's global collaboration** in medical device regulation.
- This will strengthen the competitiveness of India's domestic industry while promoting "**Brand India**" on the international stage.

3. Who has recently (in October '24) co-chaired the 6th India-US Commercial Dialogue with Gina Raimondo, United States (US) Secretary of Commerce in Washington D.C., USA?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 3) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) Piyush Goyal

Answer- **5) Piyush Goyal**

Explanation:

On 3rd October 2024, Union Minister **Piyush Goyal**, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) and **Gina Raimondo**, United States (US) Secretary of Commerce, co-chaired the **6th consecutive India-US Commercial Dialogue** held in the US Department of Commerce, in Washington D.C., the United States of America (**USA**).

- Piyush Goyal was on a visit to the USA from 30th September 2024 to 3rd October 2024 at the invitation of Gina Raimondo.
- India and the USA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to expand and diversify the critical minerals supply chain at a bilateral commercial dialogue held in Washington DC.
- India and USA are planning to expand Startup and SME Resources in **Bengaluru**, Karnataka.
- Both India and USA are strengthening collaboration to boost the **travel** and **tourism** sector.
- Collaboration to improve the current state of the **Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API)** industrial base, production capacities, and emergency response capabilities is being planned out by India and the USA.

4. Which company has recently (in October '24) become the latest Indian firm to join as a member of the Global Lighthouse Network (GLN) of the World Economic Forum (WEF)?

- 1) Pixxel
- 2) Sarvam AI
- 3) Niramai Health Analytix
- 4) Jubilant Ingrevia Limited
- 5) ReNew Energy Global PLC

Answer- 4) Jubilant Ingrevia Limited

Explanation:

Noida, Uttar Pradesh (UP)-based **Jubilant Ingrevia Limited**, science products and innovative solutions provider, has become the latest **Indian firm** to join as a **member** of the Global Lighthouse Network (**GLN**) of the World Economic Forum (**WEF**).

- Jubilant Ingrevia is the only Indian firm among the cohort of 2024 welcomed by the WEF.
- In 2024, A total of 22 innovative manufacturers have joined GLN as members.
- Jubilant Ingrevia has implemented over 30 integrated use cases of 4IR technologies in its **Bharuch**, Gujarat facility.
- GLN is an initiative co-founded by the WEF and **McKinsey & Company** in **2018**, aimed at recognizing leading manufacturing facilities.

5. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has recently (in October '24) elected 18 new members to which organisation for the term 2025-2027?

- 1) United Nations Development Programme
- 2) United Nations Children's Fund
- 3) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- 4) United Nations Human Rights Council
- 5) United Nations Security Council

Answer- 4) United Nations Human Rights Council

Explanation:

On 9th October 2024, the United Nations General Assembly (**UNGA**) elected **18 new members** to the United Nations Human Rights Council (**UNHRC**) for the term **2025-2027**.

- The newly elected 18 members are Benin; Bolivia; Colombia; Cyprus; Czechia; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Ethiopia; Gambia; Iceland; Kenya; Marshall Islands; Mexico; North Macedonia; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Spain; Switzerland; and Thailand.
- The elected members will serve 3-year terms beginning on 1st January 2025.

- The UNHRC consists of **47 member states** elected directly by the UNGA through a secret ballot, ensuring a democratic process for selection.

6. Which country has recently (in October '24) received the first ever rupee-denominated Line of Credit (LoC) worth Rs 487.60 crore from the Government of India(GoI) for financing of a water pipeline replacement project?

- 1) Maldives
- 2) Vietnam
- 3) Guyana
- 4) Mauritius
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer- 4) Mauritius

Explanation:

The Government of India(GoI) has extended a new Line of Credit (**LoC**) worth **Rs 487.60 crore** to the Government of **Mauritius** for financing of a water pipeline replacement project. This is **India's first ever rupee-denominated LoC** for project financing to any country under the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (**IDEAS**).

- The formal offer for the project was made by the Union Minister **Subrahmanyam Jaishankar**, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), GoI to **Maneesh Gobin**, Mauritian Attorney General and Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security, and accepted by the Government of Mauritius.
- The project involves replacing nearly 100 kilometre(km) of outdated water pipelines in Mauritius.
- It aims to improve water supply infrastructure and ensure reliable access to clean water for residents.
- The Rupees denominated LoC is a shift from the traditional dollar-denominated loans, enhancing the **internationalization of the Indian currency**.

7. Which organisation has recently (in October '24) revised the criteria for placing countries on its grey list to reduce the burden on Least Developed Countries (LDCs)?

- 1) United Nations General Assembly
- 2) United Nations
- 3) Financial Action Task Force
- 4) Amnesty International
- 5) World Peace Council

Answer- 3) Financial Action Task Force

Explanation:

The Financial Action Task Force (**FATF**) has revised the criteria for placing countries on its **grey list**. The main objective of these changes is to reduce the burden on Least Developed Countries (**LDCs**) and to focus on those nations that pose great risks to the international financial system.

- FATF observed that LDCs are mostly affected by the impact of illicit financial flows, which impedes sustainable development.
- LDCs, as defined by the United Nations (UN), will not be prioritized for active review unless the FATF agrees that they pose serious risks such as money laundering, terrorist financing or proliferation financing.

- The Grey list identifies countries with strategic deficiencies in their Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) system.

8. Which country has been recently (in October 2024) declared as malaria-free by the World Health Organization (WHO)?

- 1) Egypt
- 2) Nepal
- 3) Jordan
- 4) Germany
- 5) Morocco

Answer- **1) Egypt**

Explanation:

Egypt was officially declared malaria-free by the World Health Organization (**WHO**) on October 20, 2024, a significant public health milestone for a country with more than 100 million inhabitants.

- Egypt became the **2nd country globally** to receive this status in 2024, following Cabo Verde.
- Egypt is the 3rd country to be awarded a malaria-free certification in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region following the United Arab Emirates(**UAE**) and Morocco, and the first since 2010.
- Malaria diagnosis and treatment are provided **free of charge** to all residents in Egypt, regardless of their legal status.
- Malaria elimination certification is the WHO's official recognition that a country is malaria-free. It is granted when a country proves that local transmission by Anopheles mosquitoes has been interrupted **for at least three years** and shows the ability to prevent its return.

9. Which among the following is 'not' correct with respect to the 75th International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2024) held from October 14 to 18, 2024 in Milan, Italy?

- 1) It was organized by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and co-hosted by the Italian Association of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIDAA) and the Italian Space Agency (ASI) and Leonardo.
- 2) The theme of IAC 2024 is "Responsible Space for Sustainability".
- 3) Dr. S. Somanath, Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), received the IAF World Space Award 2024 for the success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission.
- 4) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has launched the Lunar Communications and Navigation Services (LCNS) programme or the Moonlight program at the IAC 2024.
- 5) Axiom Space and Prada revealed the flight design of the Axiom Extravehicular Mobility Unit (AxEMU) spacesuit at the IAC 2024.

Answer- **4) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has launched the Lunar Communications and Navigation Services (LCNS) programme or the Moonlight program at the IAC 2024.**

Explanation:

The **75th International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2024)** was held from October 14 to 18, 2024 at the **Milano Congress Center (Allianz MiCo)**, Europe's largest conference venue in **Milan**, Italy. It was organized by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and co-hosted by the Italian Association of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIDAA) and the Italian Space Agency (ASI) and Leonardo.

- The theme of IAC 2024 is “**Responsible Space for Sustainability**”, highlighting the urgent need for responsible use to ensure safety, minimize overcrowding, and reduce light pollution as the space economy expands.
- **Dr. S. Somanath**, Secretary of the Department of Space (DoS) and Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), received the IAF World Space Award 2024 for the remarkable success of the **Chandrayaan-3** mission.
- Chandrayaan 3, a follow-on mission to Chandrayaan-2, launched on July 14, 2023 on a Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle GSLV Mark 3 (LVM 3) heavy-lift launch vehicle from Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh(AP).
- The European Space Agency (**ESA**) has launched the Lunar Communications and Navigation Services (**LCNS**) programme or the Moonlight program at the IAC 2024, aimed at establishing **Europe’s first-ever satellite constellation** for telecommunication and navigation services on the Moon.
- Texas (the United States of America, USA) based **Axiom Space**, a pioneering aerospace organisation, and Italy based **Prada**, the renowned fashion brand, revealed the flight design of the Axiom Extravehicular Mobility Unit (**AxEMU**) **spacesuit** at the **IAC 2024**. [Click here to read more.](#)

GOVT SCHEMES

1. Under which mission, the Jal Hi AMRIT scheme was recently (in September’ 24) launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs(MoHUA) to promote effective water management?

- 1) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
- 2) Jal Jeevan Mission
- 3) Swachh Bharat Mission
- 4) Smart City Mission
- 5) National Rural Health Mission

Answer- 1) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation

Explanation:

Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, **Manohar Lal** announced that the government had launched the **Jal Hi AMRIT** scheme under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (**AMRUT**) **2.0** in its first 100 days with the goal of promoting effective **water management**.

- The government also approved 3 metro projects worth **Rs 31,000 crores**. This consists of Bengaluru Metro Phase-3, Thane Internal Ring Road Metro Projects and Southward extension of Pune Metro Rail Project.
- Government is focusing on recycling and processing of water along with reuse in both rural and urban areas. The **Jal Hi AMRIT** scheme has been launched to support water management efforts.
- The Clean Water Credit System aims to motivate States and Union Territories(UTs) to properly manage used Water (Sewage) Treatment Plants (**UWTPs/STPs**) in order to ensure recyclable, high-quality treated water.

2. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama has recently (in September' 24) directed the renaming of the Rural Enterprise Acceleration Project (REAP) as _____.

- 1) Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyam Vikas Abhiyan
- 2) Upvan Yojna
- 3) Gramothan Yojana
- 4) Subhadra scheme
- 5) Udyamshala Yojana

Answer- 3) Gramothan Yojana

Explanation:

Uttarakhand Chief Minister(CM) **Pushkar Singh Dhama** has announced the **renaming of two schemes** to make them simpler and more accessible for villagers.

- The Rural Enterprise Acceleration Project (**REAP**) has been renamed '**Gramothan Yojana**'. This scheme aims to improve the livelihoods of rural poor families by connecting them with entrepreneurship opportunities.
- The Rural Business Incubator(RBI) Scheme has been renamed '**Chief Minister(CM) Udyamshala Yojana**'. This scheme offers financial assistance and training to rural entrepreneurs

3. Name the scheme that was recently (in October '24) launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a total outlay of over Rs 79,156 crores from Hazaribagh, Jharkhand

- 1) Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina Asoni
- 2) Mukhyamantri Bal Paushtik Aahar Yojana
- 3) Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana
- 4) Mukhyamantri Maiya Samman Yojana
- 5) Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

Answer- 5) Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

Explanation:

On 2nd October 2024, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (PM) of India, launched **Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA)**, with a total outlay of over **Rs 79,156 crores**, from Hazaribagh, Jharkhand

- The total outlay of the scheme includes Central Share of Rs. 56,333 crore and State Share of Rs. 22,823 crores.
- The scheme aims to attain saturation of critical gaps in social infrastructure, health, education and livelihood through 25 interventions implemented by various 17 Ministries and the Department of Government of India(GoI).
- PM Modi inaugurated 40 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) and laid the foundation stone for 25 EMRS worth over Rs 2,800 crore
- He also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for multiple projects under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (**PM-JANMAN**) worth over Rs 1360 crore. [Click here to read more.](#)

4. Which ministry has recently (in October '24) rolled out the pilot phase of 'Prime Minister's Internship Scheme 2024' to generate one crore internships by March 2029?

- 1) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Communications

- 3) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions
- 4) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 5) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer- **1) Ministry of Corporate Affairs**

Explanation:

On October 3 2024, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is collaborating with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) to roll out the pilot phase of 'Prime Minister's Internship Scheme 2024', a key initiative from the 2024-2025 budget, aimed at providing 1.25 lakh internships for Indian youth, with a budget of approximately **Rs 800 crore** in the Financial Year 2024-25(FY25).

- The aim of the PM Internship Scheme is to generate **one crore** internships by **March 2029**. It will provide financial assistance of **Rs 60,000** per annum over a period of five years.
- The scheme is implemented in two phases, through an online portal(www.pminternship.mca.gov.in) managed by the MCA, and registration is scheduled to open between October 12 and October 25, 2024.
- The scheme focuses on providing opportunities to Indian youth **aged 21-24** in partnership with 500 top companies and candidates whose family income is below **Rs 8 lakh** for the Financial Year 2023-24(FY24) are eligible to apply for this scheme.
- To be eligible to participate in the **PM Internship Scheme**, companies must have a consistent Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure over the past **three** years.

[Click here to read more.](#)

5. Which state government has recently (in September 2024) launched CM-SATH Scheme to provide financial support of Rs 60,000 to a total of 200 students to help them in higher education?

- 1) Tripura
- 2) Assam
- 3) Goa
- 4) Chhattisgarh
- 5) Mizoram

Answer- **1) Tripura**

Explanation:

Prof. Dr. Manik Saha, Chief Minister (CM) of **Tripura** launched **CM-SATH Scheme** to provide financial support to meritorious students for higher education.

- Under this scheme, financial assistance of **Rs 60,000** (Rs. 5,000 per month) will be provided to a total of **200 students**, including 100 at the Madhyamik level for two years and 100 at the Higher Secondary level for three years.
- The initiative aims to support talented students and ensure that financial issues do not hinder their education.

6. Which initiative completed its 3-year journey on 27th September, 2024 that was launched to build a comprehensive digital health ecosystem in India?

- 1) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
- 2) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
- 3) Smart Cities Mission
- 4) Swachh Bharat Mission

5) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission

Answer- **1) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission**

Explanation:

On 27th September 2024, the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (**ABDM**), a key component of Ayushman Bharat (AB), a flagship scheme of Government of India (GoI), which emerged from the **National Health Policy 2017**, successfully completed **3 years** of implementation.

- It was launched by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on **27th September, 2021** with the objective to revolutionise the country's digital healthcare ecosystem to enhance healthcare accessibility, efficiency, and transparency.
- It is being implemented by the National Health Authority (**NHA**) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).
- So far, **more than 67 crore** ABHA have been created. Also, **over 42 crore** health records have been linked to ABHA, which enable for seamless access to medical histories and enhancing healthcare delivery.
- NHA has introduced a **Whatsapp Chatbot**, acting as a user-friendly platform to train stakeholders involved in ABDM.
- The National Accreditation Board of Hospitals (**NABH**) launched the 1st edition of its **Digital Health Standards for HIS/EMR systems**, aimed at boosting the adoption of digital health technologies in India. [Click here to read more.](#)

7. Which program was organised to commemorate the successful completion of 10 years of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in New Delhi, Delhi on 2nd October 2024?

- 1) Sadbhavana Diwas
- 2) Aaykar Diwas
- 3) Akhil Bharitya Shiksha Samagam
- 4) Yashasvini Campaign
- 5) Swachh Bharat Diwas

Answer- **5) Swachh Bharat Diwas**

Explanation:

On 2nd October 2024, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi participated in the **Swachh Bharat Diwas** program held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Delhi on the occasion of the **155th** birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

- The program was organised to commemorate the successful completion of **10 years** of Swachh Bharat Mission (**SBM**), one of the most significant mass movements for cleanliness in India.
- The Swachh Bharat Diwas programme has showcased India's decade-long sanitation achievements and of recently concluded **Swachhata Hi Seva 2024** (SHS 2024) campaign.
- The Campaign Clean India was launched by PM Narendra Modi on 2nd October, **2014** in New Delhi, Delhi.
- The campaign has initially set the target to achieve the vision of "**Clean India**" by 2nd October, 2019 on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Under the SBM, over **10 crore toilets** have been constructed and **6 lakh villages** were declared Open Defecation-Free (ODF) on 2nd October, 2019.
- During the event, PM Modi launched and laid the foundation stone for several projects related to sanitation and cleanliness, worth more than **Rs 9,600 crore**.
- Theme of SHS 2024: '**Swabhav Swachhata-Sanskar Swachhata**'. [Click here to read more.](#)

8. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has recently (in September' 24) announced that the Interest Equalisation Scheme is capped at _____per annum per Import Export Code(IEC).

- 1) Rs 50 lakh
- 2) Rs 25 lakh
- 3) Rs 10 lakh
- 4) Rs 5 lakh
- 5) Rs 40 lakh

Answer- 1) Rs 50 lakh

Explanation:

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has extended the **Interest Equalisation Scheme** on pre- and post-shipment rupee export credit for 3 more months till 31st December 2024 to promote India's outbound shipments.

- The scheme, which was previously extended till 30th September 2024, provided interest benefits to exporters.
- The scheme is fund-limited, and benefits to individual exporters were earlier capped at Rs 10 crore per annum per IEC (Import Export Code). Now the cap is **Rs 50 lakh**.

9. Which state government recently (in October '24) launched the GREEN Plus scheme, a groundbreaking initiative to conserve and protect natural forests?

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- 4) Meghalaya

Explanation:

Meghalaya Chief Minister(CM) Conrad Kongkal Sangma launched the **GREEN (Grassroot level Response Towards Ecosystem Enhancement and Nurturing) Meghalaya Plus (GMP) Scheme** in Tura, West Garo Hills District to provides financial incentives of up to **Rs 20,000 per hectare** annually to communities and individuals involved in forest conservation.

- It reflects the government's strong commitment to sustainable development and environmental preservation.
- The GREEN Meghalaya Plus initiative is a key component of the state government's **Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) program**, which was introduced in **2022** to promote forest conservation.
- The objective of the scheme is to increase Meghalaya's green cover by an additional **50,000 hectares** (500 square kilometers) through active community participation.

10. In which state did the Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) recently (in October' 24) launch the Gram Sadak Survey and Planning tool?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Haryana

4) Telangana

5) Gujarat

Answer-2) **Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

On 8th October 2024, Union Minister **Shivraj Singh Chauhan**, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), participated in the Rural Self Employment Programme organized by the MoRD at Bhairunda, Madhya Pradesh(MP). He has launched various schemes under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (**PMAY**), aimed at enhancing rural infrastructure, employment, and housing across India.

- He also laid the foundation stone of **500 kilometer** (km) long newly paved roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (**PMGSY**) and also launched the Gram Sadak Survey and Planning tool.
- He launched the **Awas Sakhi** mobile application (app) for the beneficiaries of PMAY and has also launched Community Managed Training Centres (**CMTCs**) about 100 of which are being rolled out across 18 states in the country.
- The GoI has initiated a **survey of kutcha houses** across India to identify new beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (**PMAY-G**).
- Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is a flagship scheme of GoI, launched by PM Narendra Modi on 25th June, 2015. The scheme has two main components: PMAY-Urban(**PMAY-U**) and PMAY-Gramin(**PMAY-G**).
- In August 2024, the union cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi had approved **Rs 3.06 lakh crore** to construct 3 crore houses across the country over the next 5 years, of which 2 crore houses will be constructed under the PMAY-G. [Click here to read more.](#)

11. The Chhattisgarh state government has recently (in October' 24) renamed the Rajiv Gandhi Swavalamban Yojana schemes as _____.

- 1) Pandit Deendayal Swavalamban Yojana
- 2) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Aajeevika Kendra Yojana.
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Swavalamban Yojana
- 4) Deendayal Antyodaya Swavalamban Yojana
- 5) Chhattisgarh Mukhyamantri Swavalamban Yojana

Answer- **1) Pandit Deendayal Swavalamban Yojana**

Explanation:

The **Chhattisgarh** government has named the **2 urban administration schemes** after **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay**, the ideologue of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the forerunner of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The schemes were previously named after former Prime Minister (**PM**) **Rajiv Gandhi**.

- The **Rajiv Gandhi Swavalamban Yojana** will now be known as the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Swavalamban Yojana and the **Rajiv Gandhi Aajeevika Kendra Yojana** has been renamed as the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Aajeevika Kendra Yojana.
- The Urban Administration Department of Chhattisgarh passed the order in this regard on 18th September 2024.

12. Which ministry has implemented the PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan (NMP) that completed 3 years of implementation on 13th October 2024?

- 1) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 2) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

3) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

4) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

5) Ministry of Civil Aviation

Answer- **1) Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

Explanation:

On 13th October 2024, **PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan (NMP)** for multi-modal connectivity successfully completed **3 years** of implementation and achieved significant milestones in transforming the country's infrastructure landscape.

- It was launched on 13th October, 2021 by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi(Delhi) with the budget outlay of **Rs 100 lakh crore**.
- It is being implemented by the **Logistics division** of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry (**MoC&I**).
- It is a "**Whole-of- Government**" approach aimed to facilitate integrated planning of multimodal infrastructure through collaboration among the concerned ministries.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) planned more than 8,891 kilometer (km) of roads to be developed using NMP.
- The National Logistics Policy was launched on 17th September 2022, with the objective of reducing logistics costs, improving India's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) ranking to be among 25 countries by 2030, and encouraging data-driven decision making. [Click here to read more.](#)

13. In October 2024, The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) notified Scheme Guidelines to implement the Rs 500 crore 'Innovative Projects' component under

1) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-IV

2) Prime Minister-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana

3) Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana

4) PM SVANidhi Yojana

5) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

Answer- **2) Prime Minister-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana**

Explanation:

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (**MNRE**) notified Scheme Guidelines to implement the **Rs 500 crore** 'Innovative Projects' component under the Prime Minister (**PM**)-**Surya Ghar : Muft Bijli Yojana**.

- This initiative aims to boost solar energy adoption, particularly ensuring affordable access to low-income or marginalized households in India.
- The Scheme Implementation Agency (SIA) for this component is Gurugram(Haryana) based **National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE)**, an autonomous institute under the MNRE.
- PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana was launched on February 29, 2024 and it aims to boost solar rooftop capacity and allow households to generate their own electricity.
- The scheme has a budget of **Rs 75,021 crore** and will run until Financial Year 2026-27 (**FY27**).

14. Under which scheme, Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I) has recently (in October' 24) launched the District Master Plan (DMP) for 27 aspirational districts in the country?

- 1) Prime Minister Gati Shakti
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- 4) Atal Pension Yojana
- 5) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana

Answer- 1) Prime Minister Gati Shakti

Explanation:

On 15th October 2024, Union Minister **Piyush Goyal**, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (**MoC&I**) launched the District Master Plan (DMP) under PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP) for **27** aspirational districts in the country on the occasion of successful completion of 3 years of PM Gati Shakti NMP (on 13th October, 2024).

- He announced that the DMP will be expanded to cover **over 750 districts** across the country in the next 18 months.
- During the event, he also launched the '**Guidelines for Preparing City Logistics Plans for Indian Cities**' which aimed to help cities tailor their logistics planning to meet its unique vision, objectives, and local characteristics.
- The scope of PM Gati Shakti had been expanded to social infrastructure to map power distribution lines, schools, hospitals and others using the "**Area Development Approach**" initiative.
- It was launched on 13th October, 2021 by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi in Delhi, with the budget outlay of **Rs 100 lakh crore**.

15. The Union government has recently (in October '24) extended the 'Samarth' Scheme for two years with a budget of Rs. 495 Crore till _____.

- 1) March 2027
- 2) March 2025
- 3) June 2025
- 4) March 2026
- 5) September 2026

Answer- 4) March 2026

Explanation:

The Government of India (**GoI**) has decided to extend **Samarth** (Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sector (SCBTS), a demand-driven and placement oriented umbrella skilling program of the Ministry of Textiles (MoT) for next two years i.e. Financial Year 2024-25 (**FY25**) and **FY26**, with a budget of **Rs 495 crore** to train 3 lakh persons in textile-related skills.

- The scheme aims to promote and support the industry in generating jobs in the organised textile and related sectors, covering the entire value chain of textiles **excluding spinning and weaving**.
- Apart from entry-level skilling, the scheme also provides upskilling/reskilling programs to enhance the productivity of existing workers in Apparel & Garmenting segments.
- It also caters to the upskilling/reskilling requirements of traditional textile sectors such as handloom, handicraft, silk and jute.

- It is a flagship skill development scheme of GoI, which was approved in continuation to the Integrated Skill Development Scheme for **12th** Five Year Plan (FYP), Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA).

16. Which scheme has completed 8 years of implementation on 21st October, 2024?

- 1) Regional Connectivity Scheme– UDAN
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana
- 3) Jal Jeevan Mission
- 4) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
- 5) Small Aircraft Scheme

Answer- **1) Regional Connectivity Scheme– UDAN**

Explanation:

On 21st October 2024, the Regional Connectivity Scheme (**RCS**) – **UDAN**, or “Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik,” spearheaded by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (**MoCA**), celebrated the completion of **8 years in service** to the nation. Union Minister, Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, MoCA attended a special event celebrating 8 successful years of RCS-UDAN.

- **21st October 2024** marks the **8th anniversary** of RCS UDAN, which was launched on 21st October **2016**.
- RCS UDAN was a vital component of India’s **National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) 2016** launched by MoCA in 2016 with a 10-year vision.
- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (PM) of India, inaugurated the first RCS-UDAN flight, connecting Shimla to Delhi on 27th April **2017**.
- The RCS-UDAN scheme has played a crucial role in revitalising the civil aviation industry in India. Various regional carriers such as Flybig, Star Air, IndiaOne Air, and Fly91 have benefitted from the scheme.
- The Civil Aviation sector in India has undergone a significant transformation under the RCS-UDAN scheme. So far, 601 routes, including helicopter routes, have been operationalised, around 28% of these routes have served the remotest locations.
- India is the world’s **3rd** largest aviation market and the aviation sector in India has shown significant growth, with a **15%** Year-on-Year (Y-o-Y) increase in total passengers handled at Indian airports reaching 37.6 crore in FY24. [Click here to read more.](#)

VISITS

1. Which of the following points is/are ‘correct’ with respect to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to the USA from 21st to 23rd September 2024?

- A) US President Biden hosted Narendra Modi, PM of India; Anthony Albanese, PM of Australia; Kishida Fumio, PM of Japan; and in Wilmington, Delaware, for the 4th Quad Leaders’ Summit.**
- B) The USA formally handed over 207 antiquities to India during PM Modi’s visit to the USA.**
- C) The 79th session of the UNGA was held from 10th to 28th September 2024 at the UN headquarters in New York, USA.**

- 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:

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (PM) of India, made a **3-day visit** to the United States of America (USA) from **21st to 23rd September 2024**.

- On 21st September 2024, PM Modi attended the **4th Quad** (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue) **Leaders' Summit held** in Wilmington, Delaware and hosted by Joseph R. Biden, Jr., the President of the USA.
- President Biden hosted Narendra Modi, PM of **India**; Anthony Albanese, PM of **Australia**; Kishida Fumio, PM of **Japan**; and in Wilmington, Delaware, for the **4th Quad Leaders' Summit**.
- The Leaders welcomed **India** as the **host** of the **2025 Quad Leaders Summit** and the **USA** as the host of the **2025 Quad Foreign Ministers Meeting**.
- India hosted the inaugural session of the new Regional Maritime Initiative for Training in the Indo-Pacific (**MAITRI**), to train Quad partners in monitoring and securing their waters, enforcing their laws, and discouraging unlawful behaviour.
- The U.S. Coast Guard, Japan Coast Guard, Australian Border Force, and Indian Coast Guard (ICG) have planned to launch the **1st-ever Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission**, a joint coast guard exercise, in **2025** in the Indo-Pacific.
- The USA formally handed over **297 antiquities** to India during PM Modi's visit to the USA. With this, the total number of artefacts returned to India by the USA becomes 578. This is the highest number of cultural artefacts returned to India by any country.
- On 22nd September 2024, Narendra Modi also addressed the "**Summit of the Future**" at the **79th** United Nations General Assembly (**UNGA**) Session held in New York, USA.
- The Summit was organised under the theme "**Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow**". [Click here to read more.](#)

2. Who has recently (in September '24) visited Vientiane, Laos from 20th to 21st September 2024 to participate in the 21st ASEAN-India Economic Ministers (AEM-India Consultation) meeting and the 12th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers Meeting (EAS EMM)?

1) Draupadi Murmu

2) Piyush Goyal

3) Rajnath Singh

4) Narendra Modi

5) Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Answer- **2) Piyush Goyal**

Explanation:

The Union Minister **Piyush Goyal**, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (**MoCI**), visited Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic (**Laos PDR**) from **20th to 21st September 2024** to participate in the **21st ASEAN-India Economic Ministers** (AEM-India Consultation) meeting and the **12th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers Meeting** (EAS EMM).

- These annual meetings of **ASEAN** (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) with their dialogue partners are being hosted by **Laos PDR**, the **ASEAN Chair for 2024**.

- AEM-India Consultation was co-chaired by **Malaithong Kommasith**, Minister of Industry and Commerce of Lao PDR, and Union Minister Piyush Goyal, India.
- The meeting highlighted that two-way trade between ASEAN and India reached **USD 100.7 billion in 2023**, with Indian Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows at **USD 5.6 billion**. India ranked as ASEAN's eighth largest trade partner and source of FDI among ASEAN Dialogue Partners in 2023.
- EAS EMM was chaired by **Malaithong Kommasith**. It saw the participation by Economic Ministers of 10 ASEAN countries and 8 other EAS partners viz. India, United States of America (USA), Russia, China, Japan, Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

3. Which of the following points is/are correct with respect to Jamaican Prime Minister (PM) Andrew Holness's visit to India from 30th September 2024 to 3rd October 2024?

A) India and Jamaica exchanged 5 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) in the fields of Digital Public Infrastructure, Cultural Exchange and Sports.

B) NPCI International Payments Limited (India), signed an MoU with Egov Jamaica Limited to support Jamaica in adopting India's UPI technology for better digital payment solutions.

C) PM Modi named the road in front of the Jamaica High Commission in New Delhi as the 'Jamaica Marg', emphasizing upon strong India-Jamaica ties.

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:

Andrew Holness, Prime Minister (PM) of **Jamaica**, paid a 4-day visit to India from **30th September 2024 to 3rd October 2024** to strengthen bilateral ties in key areas including trade and investment.

- This marks the **first-ever** bilateral visit by a Jamaican PM to India as well as the first visit of Andrew Holness to India.
- Narendra Modi, PM of India, highlighted that the India-Jamaica relationship is defined by **4Cs**- culture, cricket, Commonwealth and Caribbean.
- India and Jamaica exchanged **4** Memorandum of Understanding (**MoUs**) in the fields of Digital Public Infrastructure, Cultural Exchange and Sports.
- The Government of India (**GoI**) and the Government of Jamaica signed a MoU on cooperation in digital public infrastructure.
- **NPCI International Payments Limited** (India), signed an MoU with **Egov Jamaica Limited** to support Jamaica in adopting India's **UPI** technology for better digital payment solutions.
- GoI and the Government of Jamaica signed a MoU on cultural exchange programs for the years 2024-2029.
- India's Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MoYAS) and Jamaica's Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment, and Sport signed a MoU on cooperation in sports.
- PM Modi named the road in front of the **Jamaica High Commission** in New Delhi as the '**Jamaica Marg**', emphasizing upon strong India-Jamaica ties. [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 Maharashtra on 5th October, 2024?

A) He launched several initiatives related to the agricultural and animal husbandry sector worth around Rs 23,300 crore in Washim, Maharashtra.

B) He inaugurated 6 solar parks with a total capacity of 19 MegaWatt (MW) across Maharashtra under "Mukhyamantri Saur Krushi Vahini Yojana 2.0(MSKVY 2.0)" in Washim District, Maharashtra.

C) He inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of several initiatives of more than Rs 32,800 crore in Thane, Maharashtra.

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 was on a one-day visit to Washim and Thane districts in Maharashtra on 5th October, 2024.

- PM Modi launched several initiatives related to the agricultural and animal husbandry sector worth around **Rs 23,300** crore in Washim, Maharashtra.
- He launched two programmes of the animal husbandry department namely, **Unified Genomic Chip** for cattle and indigenous sex-sorted semen technology for the benefit of livestock.
- He disbursed the 18th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme through Direct Benefit Transfer (**DBT**) worth **Rs 20,000 crore** to around 9.4 crore farmers.
- He inaugurated **5 solar parks** with a total capacity of 19 MegaWatt (MW) across Maharashtra under "Mukhyamantri Saur Krushi Vahini Yojana 2.0(MSKVY 2.0)" in Washim District, Maharashtra.
- He inaugurated the **Banjara Virasat Museum** in Poharadevi at Washim district in Maharashtra, which is dedicated to the Banjara community.
- He inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of several initiatives of **more than Rs 32,800 crore** in Thane, Maharashtra.
- He participated in the Abhijat Marathi language program held in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He informed that the Marathi language has officially been granted the status of a classical language by the Government of India (GoI). [Click here to read more.](#)

5. Which of the following points is/are correct with respect to the Maldives President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu's visit to India from 6th to 10th October 2024?

A) India will undertake the repairs and refit of the Maldives Coast Guard ship (MCGS) Huravee, a patrol vessel which was gifted by India to Maldives in 2006.

B) PM Narendra Modi and Mohamed Muizzu jointly virtually inaugurated the new runway at Hanimaadhoo International Airport (HIA) in Haa Dhaalu Atoll, Maldives.

C) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) enters into a Currency Swap Agreement worth USD 500 million (under the US Dollar/Euro Swap Window) and Rs 30 billion (under the Indian Rupee (INR) Swap Window) with the Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA).

- 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:

Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, President of the **Republic of Maldives**, visited **India** from **6th to 10th October 2024**, marking a significant milestone in the relationship between India and Maldives. This marks his **first** official visit as President to India.

- The visit highlighted the close ties between India and the Maldives, focusing on boosting economic cooperation, enhancing security, and strengthening cultural connections.
- It aimed to solidify India-Maldives relations, aligning with India's '**Neighbourhood First**' policy and the **SAGAR** (Security and Growth for All in the Region) vision.
- The Indian government announced that India will undertake the repairs and refit of the Maldives Coast Guard ship (MCGS) **Huravee**, a patrol vessel which was gifted by India to Maldives in 2006.
- PM Modi and Mohamed Muizzu jointly virtually inaugurated the new runway at **Hanimaadhoo International Airport** (HIA) in Haa Dhaalu Atoll, Maldives to improve connectivity for the Maldives.
- Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) enters into a **Currency Swap Agreement** worth **USD 400 million** under the US Dollar/Euro Swap Window and Rs 30 billion under the Indian Rupee (INR) Swap Window with the Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) to stabilise the Maldivian economy.
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6. Which of the following points is/are correct with respect to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Vientiane, Laos from 10th to 11th October 2024?

A) PM Modi attended the 21st Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-India Summit and the 19th East Asia Summit hosted by Laos.

B) India has announced that it will contribute USD 5 million towards the joint cooperative activities for the development of tourism across the ASEAN region.

C) Thailand sent its representative to the ASEAN summit for the first time in three years due to their inability to put an end to a conflict between military and pro-democracy forces.

- 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:

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (PM) of India, visited **Vientiane**, the capital of Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR or **Laos**), from 10th to 11th October 2024 at the invitation of **Sonexay Siphandone**, PM of Lao, to strengthen the bilateral relations between India and Laos.