

1. Which organization recently released the report on 'Currency and Finance 2023-24'?

- A. SEBI
- B. NABARD
- C. RBI
- D. FCI



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India's "Report on Currency and Finance 2023-24," themed "India's Digital Revolution," highlights the rapid growth of the digital economy. It now makes up 10% of India's GDP and is expected to reach 20% by 2026. Factors driving this growth include internet access, low data costs, and a large startup ecosystem. India leads in biometric ID (Aadhaar) and real-time payments, and has used Digital Public Infrastructure to significantly reduce poverty.

2. Which Indian naval ship recently participated in the Russian Navy Day celebrations in St. Petersburg?

- A. INS Karanj
- B. INS Tabar
- C. INS Vagir
- D. INS Gharial



- ✓ Russian President recently greeted Indian Navy personnel aboard INS Tabar during Russia's Navy Day celebrations. INS Tabar, a stealth frigate built in Russia, is the third ship of the Talwar class. Commissioned on April 19, 2004, in Kaliningrad, it can handle various naval missions independently or as part of a larger task force.

3. Which day is observed as 'World Day Against Trafficking in Persons' every year?

- A. July.28
- B. July.29
- C. July.30
- D. July.31



- ✓ World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, observed on July 30th, aims to raise awareness and protect the rights of human trafficking victims. The 2024 theme is "Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking." Established by the UN in 2010, the Global Plan of Action urges worldwide efforts against trafficking and includes setting up a UN Voluntary Trust Fund for victims.

4. What is 'HAMAS'?

- A. Militant Palestinian Group
- B. Russian Militant Group
- C. Secret Agency of China
- D. Security Force of Ukraine



- ✓ Hamas political head Ismail Haniyeh was killed in an Israeli airstrike in Tehran on 31 July 2024. He was attacked after attending the swearing-in of Iran's new president, Dr. Masoud Pezeshkian. Hamas, a militant Palestinian group, aims to destroy Israel and establish an Islamic Palestinian state.

5. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) recently?

- A. Suman Sharma  
B. Preeti Sudan   
C. Pradeep Kumar Joshi  
D. Rajiv Nayan



- ✓ On 31 July 2024, President Droupadi Murmu appointed Preeti Sudan, a 1983 batch IAS officer and former Union Health Secretary, as the new Chairperson of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), succeeding Dr. Manoj Soni. Sudan, the second woman to hold this position, has played key roles in government programs like Ayushman Bharat and Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao. The UPSC, established in 1950, is an independent constitutional body.

6. Which country hosts 'International Conference of Agricultural Economists'?

- A. Bhutan  
B. Myanmar  
C. Nepal  
D. India



- ✓ India hosts the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Agricultural Economists at the Pusa Institute, New Delhi, from 2 to 7 August 2024, after 66 years since it last hosted in 1958. The conference, held every three years, is organized by the International Association of Agricultural Economists in collaboration with various Indian and international agricultural and economic organizations.

7. Ashwini Ponnappa, who recently announced her retirement, is associated with which sports?

- A. Football  
B. Hockey  
C. Badminton   
D. Tennis



- ✓ Indian badminton star Ashwini Ponnappa emotionally retired from the Olympic stage after her early exit at the Paris 2024 Games. Partnering with Tanisha Crasto, they lost their final match to Australia's Setyana Mapasa and Angela Yu, ending their campaign with three consecutive losses. Ashwini, a three-time Olympian, is celebrated for her achievements with Jwala Gutta, including gold at the 2010 Commonwealth Games and bronze at the World Championships in 2011.

8. Zika Virus is transmitted by which mosquito?

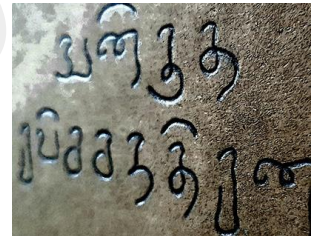
- A. Culex mosquito
- B. Aedes mosquito
- C. Anopheles mosquito
- D. Mansonia mosquito



- ✓ India's Health Minister announced a new action plan to manage Zika virus Disease. Zika is a mosquito-borne RNA virus discovered in Uganda in 1947 and first reported in humans in 1952. It mainly affects tropical and subtropical regions and spreads through bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito. The plan aims to manage and control the virus's impact effectively.

9. What is 'Vattezhuthu'?

- A. Syllabic alphabet
- B. Northeastern festival
- C. Martial Art
- D. Classical dance



- ✓ Archaeologists recently found Vattezhuthu and eight Tamil inscriptions at the Thalikiwarar temple in Tirupur district, Tamil Nadu, dating back 1100 years. Vattezhuthu, a syllabic script used in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Sri Lanka, was used to write Tamil and Malayalam. It emerged around the 4th century AD from the Tamil-Brahmi script and evolved into the modern Malayalam script by the 15th century.

10. Where is the 500 MWe sodium-cooled Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) located?

- A. Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu
- B. Kochi, Kerala
- C. Jaipur, Rajasthan
- D. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has granted permission for the first criticality approach of India's 500 MWe sodium-cooled Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu. This is India's first indigenous PFBR, commissioned by Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI), a government company under the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).

11. Which country hosts the international air exercise 'Tarang Shakti 2024'?

- A. UK
- B. India
- C. Germany
- D. France



- ✓ India hosts 'Tarang Shakti,' largest international air exercise, in two phases: August in Tamil Nadu and September in Rajasthan. The event aims to strengthen strategic relations, inviting 51 countries with 30 participating. Phase one in Tamil Nadu features France, Germany, Spain, and the UK. Phase two in Rajasthan includes Australia, Bangladesh, Greece, Singapore, UAE, and the USA. This exercise enhances collaboration and operational skills.

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12. Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) Dam is located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu  
B. Karnataka   
C. Gujarat  
D. Kerala



- ✓ Heavy rainfall in the Cauvery basin has increased water release from the Krishna Raj Sagar (KRS) dam. Built across the River Cauvery at Kannambadi by the Wodeyar dynasty, it was named Krishnaraja Sagara in 1917 after King Krishnaraja Odeya IV. The dam supplies water to Shiva samudra's hydro-electric power station, Mysore City's drinking water, and irrigation purposes.

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