

### 1. What is the theme of Statistics Day, 2024?

- A. Use of data for decision-making
- B. Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework
- C. Data for Sustainable Development
- D. End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved Nutrition



- ✓ **National Statistics Day, celebrated annually on June 29 in India, honors Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis for his contributions to statistics and economic planning. Initiated in 2007, its goal is to raise awareness, particularly among youth, about the pivotal role of statistics in shaping socio-economic policies. The theme for 2024 is, "Use of data for decision-making".**

### 2. Recently, who has been appointed as the 35<sup>th</sup> Foreign Secretary of India?

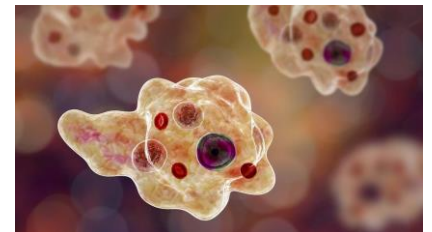
- A. Amitabh Kant
- B. Vikram Misri
- C. Ruchira Kamboj
- D. Ajay Bisaria



- ✓ **Vikram Misri has been appointed as India's new Foreign Secretary, succeeding Vinay Mohan Kwatra on July 15, 2024. Known for his expertise in China affairs, Misri served as India's ambassador to China during the 2019-2021 period, including the Galwan Valley clashes.**

### 3. What is *Amoebic Meningoencephalitis*?

- A. A common cold
- B. A rare, usually fatal infection of the central nervous system
- C. A type of cancer
- D. A bacterial infection of the lungs



- ✓ **Due to continued rain in Kerala, the health department cautioned against amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM), a rare, usually fatal brain infection caused by *Naegleria fowleri*. This amoeba thrives in warm, shallow waters and enters the brain through the nose. Early symptoms include fever, headache, and vomiting, progressing to stiff neck, seizures, hallucinations, and coma. Symptoms typically appear within five days of infection.**

### 4. Recently, which country has become the first country in the world to prepare a checklist of its entire fauna?

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



- ✓ India has become the first country to prepare a comprehensive checklist of its entire fauna population, documenting 104,561 species. This milestone, announced by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav in Kolkata, coincided with the launch of the Fauna of India Checklist Portal by the Zoological Survey of India. This portal, vital for scientific research, encompasses 121 checklists of all known taxa. The event also featured the 2nd Animal Taxonomy Summit-2024.

5. Which team won the 9<sup>th</sup> ICC Men's T20 World Cup by defeating the South Africa team?

- A. India
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Australia
- D. New Zealand



- ✓ The Indian men's cricket team, led by Rohit Sharma, won the 9th ICC Men's T20 World Cup by defeating South Africa by 7 runs at Kensington Oval, Barbados on 29 June 2024. This is India's second T20 World Cup win, following their 2007 victory. The final marked the T20 retirements of Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, and Ravindra Jadeja. It was also Rahul Dravid's last assignment as coach.

6. What is 'Snowblind'?

- A. Exoplanet
- B. Asteroid
- C. Malware
- D. Drugs



- ✓ A new Android malware called 'Snowblind' targets users to steal banking credentials by bypassing anti-tamper mechanisms using the 'seccomp' security feature. Snowblind repacks apps to avoid detection and utilizes accessibility services to remotely view screens, disabling biometric and two-factor authentication. It primarily infects devices via apps from untrusted sources and is most active in Southeast Asia, posing a significant threat to banking app security.

7. Which ministry has recently developed an eSankhyiki portal?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- D. Ministry of Defence



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND  
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

- ✓ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is the nodal Ministry for integrated development of the national statistical system in the country in tune with the global statistical practices and data dissemination standards. MoSPI is committed to enhancing user

experience and data accessibility through use of cutting-edge technologies and the adoption of global best practices.

- ✓ In line with this mandate, the Ministry has developed an eSankhyiki portal to provide real-time inputs for planners, policy-makers, researchers and the public at large. The objective of this portal is to establish a comprehensive data management and sharing system for ease of dissemination of official statistics in the country.

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8. Recently, which country has successfully developed and certified SEBEX 2, a new explosive that is 2.01 times more lethal than standard Trinitrotoluene (TNT)?

- A. India
- B. Bangladesh
- C. France
- D. Afghanistan



- ✓ India has certified SEBEX 2, an explosive 2.01 times more potent than TNT, developed for bombs and warheads. Approved by the Indian Navy, it's touted as one of the world's most powerful non-nuclear explosives. SEBEX 2 promises enhanced destructive capability without added weight, aiming to revolutionize military ordnance. Its development signals potential for significant exports in defense technology.

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9. INS Ranvir belongs to which type of class?

- A. Seawolf
- B. Rajput
- C. Scorpene
- D. Kalvari



- ✓ Indian Naval Ship INS Ranvir, a Rajput Class Guided Missile Destroyer, arrived in Chattogram, Bangladesh for an Operational Deployment. Commissioned in 1986, the upgraded ship features state-of-the-art indigenous weapons and sensors. The visit includes professional interactions, community outreach, and sports with Bangladeshi naval personnel. INS Ranvir will also participate in a Maritime Partnership Exercise. This visit enhances India-Bangladesh friendship, cooperation, and regional security, aligned with India's SAGAR initiative.

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10. Which day is observed as 'Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day' every year?

- A. July.01
- B. July.05
- C. March.29
- D. March.05



- ✓ Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day, observed annually on July 1, commemorates the implementation of India's transformative tax system. The 2024 celebration marks the seventh anniversary of GST, introduced to simplify the complex tax structure previously managed by central and state governments. GST revolutionized India's fiscal landscape, significantly impacting the economy by streamlining indirect taxes and fostering economic efficiency.
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11. Recently, researchers from which state have developed a method to produce activated carbon for supercapacitors from coconut husks?

- A. Tamil Nadu  
B. Kerala   
C. Odisha  
D. Maharashtra



- ✓ Researchers at Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala developed a method to produce activated carbon from coconut husks for supercapacitors. This sustainable, efficient solution leverages the high surface area of activated carbon, making it ideal for high-performance supercapacitors. These devices store and deliver charge through reversible adsorption and desorption of ions, enhancing electrochemical energy storage.
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12. MK Ranjitsinh & others vs Union of India & others case, recently seen in the news, is related with which issue?

- A. Poverty and Hunger  
B. Climate Change   
C. Triple Talaq  
D. None of the above



- ✓ India's Supreme Court, in MK Ranjitsinh and others Vs Union of India & others case has set a precedent in climate change jurisprudence. The landmark judgment establishes the right to 'be free from the adverse effects of climate change' as a fundamental right under Articles 21 and 14 of the Constitution. This decision shapes India's climate policy by influencing governance and legislation, highlighting the judiciary's role in addressing environmental challenges and protecting citizens' rights.
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