

1. Habrocestum swaminathan belongs to which species?

- A. Frog
- B. Fish
- C. Spider
- D. Crocodile



- ✓ **Researchers from Christ College, Irinjalakuda, discovered two new litter-dwelling jumping spider species in the southern Western Ghats' evergreen forests. Named Habrocestum swaminathan and Habrocestum benjamin, they contribute to the genus Habrocestum.**
- ✓ **These spiders play crucial roles in natural pest control and serve as indicators of ecosystem health. Habrocestum swaminathan was found near the Kunthi river, honoring MS Swaminathan, while Habrocestum benjamin, noted for its colorful patches, was discovered near Thusharagiri waterfalls and named after jumping spider specialist Suresh P Benjamin.**

2. What is the primary function of 'Groynes'?

- A. To trap sediment and prevent longshore drift
- B. To create artificial reefs for marine life
- C. To facilitate beach nourishment through sand recycling
- D. None of the above



- ✓ **In an effort to combat coastal erosion in Kerala's Poonthura region, the irrigation department plans to construct eight groynes costing Rs 17.5 crore. Groynes, typically made of wood, rock, or concrete, extend from shore into the sea to trap sediment, dissipate wave energy, and counter longshore drift. They reduce erosion, widen beaches, and require minimal maintenance, serving as durable structures crucial for stabilizing coastlines and supporting local activities.**

3. Recently, which state has been honored with the Best Agriculture State Award for 2024 by the 15<sup>th</sup> Agriculture Leadership Awards Committee?

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



- ✓ **The 15th Agriculture Leadership Awards Committee, chaired by Justice P Sathasivam, has named Maharashtra the Best Agriculture State for 2024. Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde will receive the award in New Delhi on July 10. Recognized for its innovative agricultural policies and programs, Maharashtra's initiatives include the largest bamboo mission, extensive irrigation projects, and nano-technology fertilizer distribution.**

4. Which ministry has recently launched Project Pari (Public Art of India)?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Culture
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Agriculture



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- ✓ **The Ministry of Culture has launched Project PARI (Public Art of India) in conjunction with the 46th World Heritage Committee Meeting in New Delhi from July 21-31, 2024. Executed by Lalit Kala Akademi and National Gallery of Modern Art, this initiative aims to blend India's rich artistic heritage with modern themes. Over 150 artists will create public artworks, democratizing art and enhancing cultural engagement nationwide.**

5. Recently, who won the 2024 Asian Billiards Championship in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia?

- A. Dhruv Sitwala
- B. Pankaj Advani
- C. Rupesh Shah
- D. Geet Sethi



- ✓ **Dhruv Sitwala defeated Pankaj Advani 5-2 to win the 2024 Asian Billiards Championship in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. This victory marks Sitwala's third Asian billiards title, having previously won in 2015 and 2016. Advani, aiming for his third title and a hat-trick of championships, fell short in the final.**

6. Where was the Asian Squash Doubles Championship 2024 held?

- A. Medan, Indonesia
- B. New Delhi, India
- C. Johor, Malaysia
- D. Kolkata, India



- ✓ **Indian squash players secured two titles at the 2024 Asian Squash Doubles Championship in Johor, Malaysia. Abhay Singh and Joshna Chinappa won the mixed doubles, defeating Hong Kong's Tong Tsz Wing and Ming Hong Tang. In the men's doubles, Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar triumphed over Malaysia's Ong Sai Hung and Syafiq Kamal. The championship featured 33 teams from seven countries and was held from July 4-7, 2024.**

## 7. What is CAMCOPTER S-100?

- A. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
- B. Asteroid
- C. Newly discovered exoplanet
- D. Invasive plant



- ✓ **India is acquiring the Camcopter S-100 rotary unmanned aerial system from Austrian company Schiebel. This system will enhance the Indian Navy's ISR capabilities in the Indian Ocean Region, marking a significant technological collaboration. Schiebel, founded in 1951 in Vienna, specializes in high-tech unmanned systems with global facilities and a strong reputation for military, commercial, and humanitarian products.**

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## 8. Gandaki River is a left bank tributary of which river?

- A. River Kaveri
- B. River Ganges
- C. River Narmada
- D. River Godavari



- ✓ **A 15-year-old bridge over the Gandaki River in Bihar's Saran district collapsed on July 4, the third bridge collapse in the district within 24 hours. The bridge connected villages in Saran to Siwan district. Over the past 17 days, 12 bridges have collapsed across Bihar. The Gandaki River, also known as Narayani and Gandak, originates in Nepal and flows into the Ganges near Patna, Bihar.**
- ✓ **Spanning 475 miles, it has a catchment area of 46,300 sq.km, with 7,620 sq.km in India. The river is bordered by the Himalayas, Ganga, Burhi Gandak Basin, and Ghagra Basin, with 1,710 glaciers and over 300 lakes in its upper catchment.**

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## 9. Right to Repair Portal was launched by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Science and Technology
- C. Ministry of Power
- D. Ministry of Consumer Affairs



Right To Repair

- ✓ **The Centre has launched the unified Right to Repair Portal India, urging automobile companies and other sectors to participate. Led by the Department of Consumer Affairs, the portal aims to empower consumers with easy access to repair information, promoting reuse and reducing e-waste. Chaired by Nidhi Khare, the meeting involved major automobile associations and companies like TATA Motors, Mahindra, and Yamaha Motors India.**

## 10. What is Copernicus Programme?

- A. A new cybersecurity programme
- B. It is European Union's Earth Observation Programme
- C. It's a programme to observing wildlife migration patterns
- D. New Educational programme



- ✓ **June 2024 was recorded as the warmest June globally, with temperatures averaging 0.67°C above the 1991-2020 average and surpassing the previous high set in June 2023 by 0.14°C, according to the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S). C3S, part of the Copernicus Earth Observation Programme by the EU, supports climate policies and resilience efforts globally. It utilizes data from earth observation satellites and in situ sensors, processing it to provide authoritative climate information.**

## 11. How many new biosphere reserves recently added to World Network of Biosphere Reserves?

- A. 11
- B. 22
- C. 33
- D. 44



- ✓ **UNESCO designated 11 new biosphere reserves across Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Gambia, Italy, Mongolia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, and Spain, including two transboundary reserves. Biosphere reserves aid scientific research, inform environmental policies, and support local sustainable development. With these additions, the World Network of Biosphere Reserves now totals 759 sites in 136 countries, covering 7.44 million square kilometers.**

## 12. Which organization has recently unveiled the prototype of India's indigenous light tank 'Zorawar'?

- A. ISRO
- B. HAL
- C. DRDO
- D. BHEL



- ✓ **The prototype of India's indigenous light tank, Zorawar, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Larsen & Toubro (L&T), was unveiled on July 6. Powered by a Cummins engine, it is designed for extreme weather and high altitudes along the northern border. Extensive trials will follow, aiming for Army user trials by August 2025. DRDO is also developing a new domestic engine for the tank.**

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