

1. Which organization recently launched an Integrated Tribal Development Programme (ITBP) in the Kulathupuzha grama panchayat, Kerala?

- A. SEBI
- B. NABARD
- C. FCI
- D. Ministry of Tribal Affairs



- ✓ **The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) launched its first integrated tribal development program in Kulathupuzha Gram Panchayat, Kollam, on July 8. Implemented by Thanal, the five-year project aims to enhance the livelihoods of 413 tribal families through diverse agricultural and non-agricultural activities. It includes water resource development, skill training, and the creation of a Tribal Farmer Producer Company (FPO) to empower the community economically.**

2. Recently, Rachel Reeves has become the first woman finance minister of which country?

- A. Australia
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Russia
- D. New Zealand



- ✓ **Rachel Reeves, 45, is the UK's first female Chancellor of the Exchequer. An economist with a BA from Oxford and an MSc from LSE, she worked at the Bank of England and in the private sector. Elected Labour MP for Leeds West in 2010, she became finance policy chief in 2021. Rachel Reeves aims to stabilize the UK's sluggish economy without raising income or corporation taxes.**

3. What is the primary function of 'Regenerative Braking'?

- A. To increase vehicle speed
- B. To convert kinetic energy into electrical power
- C. To enhance fuel combustion
- D. To cool down the engine



- ✓ **Regenerative braking, found in hybrid and full-electric vehicles, converts kinetic energy from braking into electrical power to charge the vehicle's high-voltage battery. Also known as a kinetic energy recovery system, it uses electric motors in reverse to act as generators. This system slows the car, aiding traditional brakes, improves fuel consumption, and reduces wear on brake pads by decreasing the overall braking load.**

4. What is the primary objective of the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement?

- A. To promote tourism in marine areas
 - B. To address concerns over the long-term protection of marine biodiversity in the high seas
 - C. To regulate fishing activities in coastal regions
 - D. To enhance maritime trades
- ✓ **The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister, approved India signing the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement, or 'High Seas Treaty'. Under UNCLOS, this treaty aims to protect marine biodiversity in the high seas through international cooperation, ensuring sustainable use and equitable sharing of benefits. It promotes an ecosystem-centric approach, traditional and scientific knowledge, and minimizes environmental impacts.**

5. Recently, the CA Institute has initiated talks with which ministry to jointly develop an 'AI Audit Tool' to track performance of corporate India and detect corporate frauds?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
 - B. Ministry of Defence
 - C. Ministry of Science and Technology
 - D. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- ✓ **CA Institute and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) are collaborating to develop an AI Audit Tool to track corporate performance and detect frauds, announced President Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal. This tool will help companies remain 'going concerns'. ICAI has allocated ₹25 crore for AI tools, with plans to increase the budget to ₹100 crore.**



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6. Recently, the government of India has designated which ministry as the nodal ministry for the Haj Committee?

- A. Ministry of Defence
 - B. Ministry of External Affairs
 - C. Ministry of Home Affairs
 - D. Ministry of Minority Affairs
- ✓ **The government has designated the Ministry of Minority Affairs as the nodal ministry for the Haj Committee, replacing the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). New rules, named the Haj Committee (Amendment) Rules, 2024, have been introduced. Officers from the ministries of External Affairs, Home Affairs, Finance, and Civil Aviation will be nominated as ex-officio committee members. Previously, the MEA managed Haj pilgrimage administration under the Haj Committee Act, 2002.**

7. Which two organizations recently signed an MoU to launch the “Sustainable Transport for Rural Entrepreneurs through Electric Bicycles” (STREE) program?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development & Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL)
- B. Ministry of Urban Development & DRDO
- C. Ministry of Agriculture & Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL)
- D. Ministry of Defence & ISRO



- ✓ **The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) signed an MoU with Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) to launch "Sustainable Transport for Rural Entrepreneurs through Electric Bicycles" (STREE) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).**
- ✓ **STREE aims to empower rural women by providing green mobility via electric bicycles, enhancing livelihood opportunities and socio-economic status. CESL focuses on renewable energy and electric mobility solutions. DAY-NRLM promotes SHG women-led enterprises in diverse sectors.**

8. Recently, who has been appointed as the head coach of the Indian men’s cricket team?

- A. Gautam Gambhir
- B. MS Dhoni
- C. Yuvraj Singh
- D. Rahul Dravid



- ✓ **Gautam Gambhir, a former Indian cricketer, has been appointed as the head coach of the Indian men’s cricket team, replacing Rahul Dravid. Announced by BCCI Secretary Jay Shah on July 9, 2024, Gambhir’s term will last three years. He will oversee the team in key tournaments like the 2026 T20 World Cup, 2027 ODI World Cup, and 2025 ICC Champions Trophy. Gambhir starts his role in July with a tour to Sri Lanka.**

9. “Order of St. Andrew the Apostle” Award is the highest civilian honour award of which country?

- A. Australia
- B. Russia
- C. France
- D. Germany



- ✓ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially received Russia’s prestigious Order of St Andrew the Apostle, awarded in 2019 for his contributions to India-Russia strategic partnership and fostering friendly ties. Established in 1698 by Tsar Peter the Great, the honor recognizes exceptional civilian or military merit.**

10. Who has been chosen as India's chef-de-mission for the 2024 Olympics?

- A. Gagan Narang
- B. Mary Kom
- C. Neeraj Chopra
- D. Abhinav Bindra



- ✓ **Four-time Olympian and 2012 bronze medallist Gagan Narang replaced Mary Kom as India's chef-de-mission for the 2024 Olympics, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced. Mary Kom stepped down due to health issues. P.V. Sindhu will be the female flagbearer. The Paris Olympics will run from July 26 to August 11, 2024.**

11. Recently, India and Russia agreed to increase bilateral trade to 100 billion dollars by which year?

- A. 2025
- B. 2027
- C. 2028
- D. 2030

2030

- ✓ **India and Russia agreed to increase bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030 and use national currencies to bypass Western sanctions during the 22nd Annual Summit. Prime Minister Modi urged an end to civilian deaths in Ukraine. Russia will expedite the discharge of Indian recruits in its military.**

12. Which national park in Assam recently discovered the 'Salazar Pit Viper'?

- A. Kaziranga National Park
- B. Manas National Park
- C. Raimona National Park
- D. Nameri National Park



- ✓ **The Salazar Pit Viper, named after Salazar Slytherin from the 'Harry Potter' series, was discovered in Assam's Kaziranga National Park. Pit vipers are venomous snakes with heat-sensitive pit organs that detect infrared radiation from prey.**
- ✓ **Found in diverse habitats, they are mainly in tropical and subtropical regions, especially Asia and the Americas. The Salazar Pit Viper, first identified in Arunachal Pradesh in 2019, is nocturnal, and males have distinctive orange-to-reddish stripes.**

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