- 1. "Jhumur" is a traditional dance performed in which state?
- A. Nagaland
- B. Sikkim
- C. Assam ☑
- D. Manipur



- ✓ The Assam government is planning a grand Jhumur dance performance with 8,000 tea tribe artists. Jhumur is a traditional dance of Assam's tea tribes, performed during autumn. It features young girls dancing in fields or under trees, with male members playing instruments like the Madal drum, flute, and Taals. The dance depicts daily life, joys, sorrows, and aspirations.
  - 2. Recently, which ministry has introduced guidelines for bagless days for students in classes 6 to 8?
  - A. Ministry of Home Affairs
  - B. Ministry of Women and Child Development

  - D. Ministry of Power



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Education announced guidelines for bagless days for students in Classes 6 to 8, as recommended by the National Education Policy 2020. This involves a 10-day period where students intern with local vocational experts like carpenters and artists. The objectives are to enhance observation-based learning, understand community interdependence, and promote dignity of labor through activities like market visits, charity work, and report writing.
  - 3. Tejas Light Combat Aircraft is developed by which organization?
  - A. DRDO 🗹
  - B. ISRO
  - C. BHEL
  - D. JAXA



- ✓ The Indian Air Force faces delays in receiving Tejas light combat aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, affecting its readiness and capabilities. Tejas, a 4.5-generation single-seat supersonic multirole fighter, was developed by DRDO's Aeronautical Development Agency and HAL. Intended to replace older MiG-21 and Su-7 jets, it joined the IAF in 2016.
  - 4. Landslide Atlas of India is prepared by which organization / ministry?
  - A. DRDO
- B. ISRO ☑
- C. NDRF
- D. Ministry of Earth Sciences



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✓ Wayanad, Kerala, struck by a deadly landslide killing nearly 200 people, ranked 13th in ISRO's 2023 Landslide Atlas of India. Prepared by National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) of ISRO, the atlas details landslide occurrences and damage in 147 districts across 17 states and two Union Territories. It includes 80,000 landslides mapped from 1998 to 2022.

5. Recently, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) launched 'Suvidha Software Version 1.0' in which city?

A. Jaisalmer

B. Visakhapatnam 🗹

C. Kochi

D. Mumbai



✓ The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) launched 'Suvidha Software Version 1.0' at its first 'Annual Operational Sea Training Conference' in Visakhapatnam. This software aims to improve training protocols across ICG platforms. Deputy Director General Anupam Rai emphasized excellence and adaptability. Senior officers discussed best practices and strategies for maritime security.

6. Leqembi Drug is used to treat which disease?

A. Dengue

B. Alzheimer ☑

C. Tuberculosis

D. Blood Cancer



✓ A study found that Alzheimer's drug Leqembi slowed disease progression over three years. Leqembi is an IV antibody therapy that removes beta-amyloid from the brain. Alzheimer's is the most common dementia, starting with mild memory loss and potentially leading to severe communication and response issues. Symptoms typically appear after age 60, with the risk increasing with age.

7. Recently, which country has become India's second-largest Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) supplier?

A. Iraq

B. Iran

C. Australia

D. US 🗹



✓ The US became India's second-largest LNG supplier, overtaking the UAE, but Qatar still the largest supplier. LNG is growing as a green energy substitute. In 2023, the US also became the world's top LNG exporter, surpassing Qatar and Australia due to past investments in liquefaction. Increased US supply is due to lower LNG prices and closer proximity to India via the Cape of Good Hope.

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8. Which ministry recently introduced 'Bhartiya Vayuyan Vidheyak 2024' in Lok Sabha?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Power



- ✓ The Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak 2024 was introduced in the Lok Sabha by the Union Civil Aviation Minister. This bill aims to empower the government to set rules for investigating air accidents and incidents, and regulating aircraft design, manufacture, maintenance, use, and safety. The Aircraft Act of 1934 has been amended many times, creating confusion. This bill seeks to streamline and clarify these regulations.
  - 9. What is the theme of 'World Lung Cancer Day 2024'?
  - A. Close the Care Gap: Everyone Deserves Access to Cancer Care 

    ✓
  - B. A breath of prevention is better than expectation of long-term survival
  - C. Care for your Lungs
  - D. Measures to prevent lung cancer



- ✓ World Lung Cancer Day, observed on August 1st, raises awareness about lung cancer, highlighting its impact and educating the public on risks, symptoms, and treatments. The day advocates for early detection, better treatment options, and more research funding. This year's theme is "Close the Care Gap: Everyone Deserves Access to Cancer Care".
  - 10. Swapnil Kusale recently won a bronze medal in which sports event at Paris Olympics 2024?
  - A. Shooting
  - B. Boxing
  - C. Wrestling
  - D. Badminton



- ✓ At the 2024 Paris Olympics, Swapnil Kusale won a bronze medal in the men's 50m rifle 3 Positions event. This is India's third Olympic medal in rifle shooting, following Abhinav Bindra's gold in 2008 and Gagan Narang's bronze in 2012. Liu Yukun of China won gold, and Ukraine's Serhiy Kulish took silver. The competition was held at the National Shooting Center in Châteauroux, Paris.
  - 11. Recently, archaeologists have unearthed a terracotta pipeline at which Sangam Era site in Tamil Nadu?
  - A. Vembakottai

B. Mankulam

D. Kodumanal



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✓ Archaeologists have discovered a terracotta pipeline during the 10th phase of excavation at Keeladi, a Sangam Era site in Tamil Nadu. This find highlights advanced water management practices from over 2,600 years ago.

✓ Keeladi, located near Madurai, has revealed over 20,000 artifacts, suggesting the Sangam Era began around 600 BCE, earlier than previously thought. Additional discoveries include rice husks from 3,200 years ago and evidence of early iron technology.

12. What is rank of India in 'Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024'?

A. 36<sup>th</sup>

B. 37<sup>th</sup>

 $C.\,38^{th}$ 

D. 39<sup>th</sup> ☑



✓ India ranks 39th in the 2024 Travel and Tourism Development Index by the World Economic Forum, up from an adjusted 38th in 2021. The country's scores improved in travel prioritization, safety, and health. In 2022, India had 14.3 million international tourists, 1.47% of the global market, and 15.66% in Asia-Pacific. The Ministry of Tourism promotes India domestically and internationally through integrated marketing and participation in travel fairs.

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