

1. What is the main objective of the 'Nandini Sahakar Scheme'?

- A. To provide financial assistance to women-led cooperative
- B. To improve the socio-economic status of women through women cooperatives
- C. To promote entrepreneurship among youth
- D. To support rural development projects



- ✓ **The Nandini Sahakar Scheme by NCDC is a women-focused framework providing financial assistance, project formulation, and capacity development to women cooperatives. Launched under Atmanirbhar Bharat, it aims to improve socio-economic status of women through entrepreneurship. There is no limit on financial assistance. As of 31.03.2024, NCDC has disbursed Rs.6426.36 crore to women-led cooperative societies across India.**

2. Recently, who has been appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry?

- A. K. Kailashnathan
- B. Suheel Kumar Trivedi
- C. Tamilisai Soundararajan
- D. Ardhendu Sen



- ✓ **K Kailashnathan has taken oath as the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry at a ceremony held at Raj Nivas. Acting Chief Justice D Krishnakumar administered the oath, while Chief Minister N Rangasamy and other officials attended. Kailashnathan has assumed office as the new Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, marking a new chapter in the union territory's administration under his leadership and guidance.**

3. Recently, Coal India Ltd and GAIL (India) Ltd have signed a pact to establish a coal-to-synthetic natural gas plant in which region of West Bengal?

- A. Raniganj
- B. Bankura
- C. Nadia
- D. Malda



- ✓ **Coal India Ltd and GAIL (India) Ltd have partnered to set up a coal-to-synthetic natural gas plant in Raniganj, West Bengal, using surface coal gasification technology. The plant will produce 633.6 million Nm³/hour of gas from 1.9 million tonnes of coal. This joint venture under the National Coal Gasification Mission aims to reduce import dependency on natural gas and secure raw materials for chemical and fertilizer production.**

4. Recently, who has been appointed as the chief adviser to Bangladesh's interim government?

- A. Kamal Ahmed Majumder
- B. Muhammad Yunus
- C. Mohammed Shahabuddin
- D. Dipu Moni



- ✓ **Muhammad Yunus, 2006 Nobel Peace Prize winner, has been appointed chief adviser to Bangladesh's interim government following Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's resignation amid protests. Yunus, born in 1940, is an economist known for pioneering microcredit through Grameen Bank, founded in 1983. The bank has loaned over \$34 billion to nearly 10 million people, with a 97% repayment rate, inspiring global microfinance initiatives. Yunus's appointment aims to address unrest over government job quotas.**

5. Which ministry is responsible for implementing the 'Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) Scheme'?

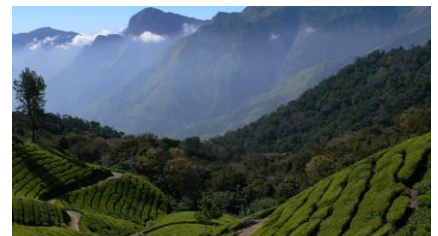
- A. Ministry of Labour and Employment
- B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Finance



- ✓ **The Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM), announced in the 2019 Interim Budget, aims to provide social security to unorganized workers. Implemented by the Ministry of Labour and Employment through LIC and CSCs since February 15, 2019, it targets approximately 42 crore workers. LIC manages the pension fund and payouts. By the end of July 2024, over 50 lakh unorganised sector workers had enrolled in this Central Sector Scheme.**

6. Gadgil Committee Report is associated with which geographical area?

- A. Linking of Rivers
- B. Protection of Western Ghats
- C. Protection of Eastern Ghats
- D. None of the above



- ✓ **The Western Ghats, crucial for biodiversity, still lack official ecologically sensitive area notifications from the Union environment ministry, 14 years after the 2011 Gadgil Committee Report. The 2011 Gadgil Committee Report, or Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP) Report, was commissioned by India's Ministry of Environment and Forests. It recommends measures for the sustainable development and ecological preservation of the Western Ghats, a region noted for its rich biodiversity and environmental importance.**

7. 'Earth Observation Satellite-8 (EOS-8)' mission is associated with which space agency?

- A. NASA
- B. ISRO
- C. JAXA
- D. CNSA



- ✓ ISRO's Earth Observation Satellite-8 (EOS-8) is set to launch on August 15 by the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)-D3 from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The mission aims to design and develop a microsatellite, create compatible payload instruments, and integrate new technologies for future operational satellites. EOS-8 represents a significant step in advancing satellite capabilities and enhancing Earth observation efforts.

8. Recently, which country won "CAVA Women's Volleyball Nations League 2024"?

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



- ✓ India won the CAVA Women's Volleyball Nations League final, defeating Nepal 3-2 in Kathmandu. This victory marked India's second title in the league. Despite a previous loss to Nepal in the league stage, India secured the championship in the finals. India took Gold, Nepal secured Silver, and Iran settled for Bronze in the tournament.

9. Recently, the Indian Army has conducted a strategic military exercise 'Parvat Prahaar' in which region?

- A. Chennai
- B. Visakhapatnam
- C. Ladakh
- D. Jaisalmer



- ✓ The Indian Army conducted the 'Parvat Prahaar' exercise in Ladakh, focusing on high-altitude warfare. The exercise highlights operations in rugged terrains near the India-China border. It involves real-world combat simulations to train soldiers for unique challenges. This fortnight-long drill involves various Army units, including infantry, artillery, and armoured forces, and showcases military assets like tanks, K-9 Vajra artillery, and UAVs.

10. What is Waqf?

- A. A property dedicated in the name of God for religious and charitable purposes
- B. A government-owned property
- C. A property dedicated for personal use
- D. A temporary donation of property



- ✓ **A contentious bill to amend the Waqf Act of 1995, aiming to include non-Muslim individuals and Muslim women in Waqf bodies, is set to be presented in the Lok Sabha. The Waqf Act of 1954 defines a Waqf as a property dedicated for religious and charitable purposes. It can be established by deed or long-term usage and fund institutions like mosques and schools. Waqfs are non-transferable, perpetual, and managed by a mutawali under the Waqf Act, 1995.**

11. Clouded Leopard is the state animal of which northeastern state?

- A. Manipur
- B. Meghalaya
- C. Nagaland
- D. Assam



- ✓ **The Mizoram governor highlighted wildlife conservation challenges on International Clouded Leopard Day. The clouded leopard, found from the Himalayas to Southeast Asia, includes two species: Neofelis nebulosa and Neofelis diardi. Its habitat spans countries like China, Bhutan, India, and others, thriving in tropical rainforests and dry forests. This medium-sized cat, 60-110 cm long, weighs 11-20 kg, and is known for its cloud-like coat patterns and long tail. It is the state animal of Meghalaya.**

12. What is the primary objective of the 'National Coastal Mission Scheme'?

- A. To boost tourism in coastal areas
- B. To address the impact of climate change on coastal and marine ecosystems
- C. To promote coastal urban development
- D. To enhance fisheries productivity



- ✓ **The Minister of State for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change recently informed the Lok Sabha on the National Coastal Mission Scheme. The National Coastal Mission Scheme was launched in 2014 as part of the National Action Plan on Climate Change. Its goal is to address climate change impacts on coastal and marine ecosystems, infrastructure, and communities through adaptation and mitigation. The scheme is implemented by State Governments of Coastal States and Union Territory Administrations.**

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