

1. What is the primary objective of the "Million Designers, Billion Dreams" initiative, recently launched by DAY-NRLM?

- A. To improve agricultural productivity
- B. To empower individuals with systems design knowledge
- C. To provide healthcare access
- D. To enhance digital literacy



- ✓ **The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) has launched the "Million Designers, Billion Dreams" program. The initiative aims to provide systems design knowledge to individuals across India to tackle complex societal issues. It is led by LEAP in collaboration with DAY-NRLM. LEAP is a product of multidisciplinary work by Harvard’s Design Laboratory, Transform Rural India Foundation, and funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.**

2. Recently, SJVN Limited has successfully commissioned the 90 MW 'Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project' in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Haryana
- C. Punjab
- D. Uttarakhand



- ✓ **SJVN Limited (Mini Ratna Schedule ‘A’ CPSU under Ministry of Power) has successfully commissioned the 90 MW Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh. This project involves placing solar panels on floating structures in water bodies like lakes and reservoirs. India has a potential capacity of 280-300 GW for floating solar power, according to the World Bank.**

3. Project PARI (Public Art of India) is launched by which ministry?

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



- ✓ **Project PARI was launched during the 46th Session of the World Heritage Committee Meeting. The Ministry of Culture initiated the project, managed by Lalit Kala Akademi and the National Gallery of Modern Art. It features various art forms including Phad, Thangka, Warli, Gond, Alpona, Cheriyal, Tanjore, Kalamkari, Pithora, and Kerala Murals. The project aims to celebrate and enhance the public art scene by combining India’s cultural heritage with modern themes.**

4. What is 'Operation Dudhi'?

- A. Counter-insurgency operation conducted by Assam Rifles
- B. Preventing forest fires by aerial firefighting
- C. India's humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to Myanmar
- D. None of the above



- ✓ **The Jammu region has faced increased security challenges due to militant activity and troop redeployment to the LAC post-Galwan incident. Recent reports indicate the induction of additional troops, including Special Forces and Assam Rifles, to strengthen counter-terrorism efforts. Operation Dudhi, conducted by Assam Rifles in 1991, is a notable example of successful counter-terrorism in the region.**

5. Aman Sehrawat, who recently won bronze medal at Paris Olympics 2024, is associated with which sports?

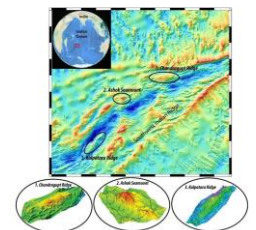
- A. Boxing
- B. Wrestling
- C. Table Tennis
- D. Badminton



- ✓ **At the 2024 Paris Olympics, Aman Sehrawat from India won a bronze medal in the men's 57kg wrestling category, marking a proud moment in India's wrestling history. Born in Haryana on July 16, 2003, Sehrawat is known for his freestyle technique. He defeated Puerto Rico's Darian Toi Cruz 13-5 in the bronze medal match. Aman first gained attention by winning a silver at the 2021 World Wrestling U23 Championships and gold at the 2022 Asian U23 Championships.**

6. Recently, which three names were given to the underwater structures in the Indian Ocean?

- A. Ashoka, Chandragupta, and Kalpataru
- B. Mahatma, Nehru, and Bharati
- C. Himalaya, Ganga, and Krishna
- D. Shiva, Vishnu, and Brahma



- ✓ **Three underwater structures in the Indian Ocean were recently named Ashoka, Chandragupt, and Kalpataru, highlighting India's influence in marine science. The names were proposed by India and approved by the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) and UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC).**
- ✓ **Ashoka Seamount, discovered in 2012, is oval-shaped and spans 180 sq km. Kalpataru Ridge, also discovered in 2012, covers 430 sq km and may support marine biodiversity. Chandragupt Ridge, identified in 2020, is an elongated structure covering 675 sq km.**

7. Recently, which countries participated in bilateral Air force exercise 'Udara Shakti 2024'?

- A. China and Japan
- B. India and Myanmar
- C. India and Malaysia
- D. India and Australia



- ✓ **The Indian Air Force (IAF) participated in the bilateral Exercise Udara Shakti 2024 with the Royal Malaysian Air Force. The exercise took place in Kuantan, Malaysia, from 6-9 August 2024. Both air forces deployed seven Sukhoi-30 fighter planes, which are purchased from Russia.**
- ✓ **India's Sukhoi-30 planes, mostly produced by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), are the Su-30MKI variant, specifically modernized for India. Exercise Udara Shakti 2024 included Training Exercises and Subject Matter Expert Exchange concepts. Training Exercises focused on air combat involving Su-30 planes from both countries.**

8. Which Indian recently received the highest civilian 'Grand-Collar of the Order' award of Timor Leste?

- A. Droupadi Murmu
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Neeraj Chopra
- D. S Jaishankar



- ✓ **President Droupadi Murmu received Timor Leste's highest civilian award, the Grand Collar of Order of Timor Leste, on 10 August 2024 in Dili. She is the first Indian President to visit Timor Leste, as part of her three-nation tour to Fiji, New Zealand, and Timor Leste from 5-10 August 2024. President Murmu discussed IT infrastructure, medical, and capacity-building assistance with Timor Leste's President José Ramos Horta. Three MoUs were signed between India and Timor Leste, including media cooperation, visa exemptions for officials, and cultural exchange programs.**

9. Which ministry is the nodal body for implementing the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0 scheme'?

- A. Ministry of Urban Development
- B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ **On August 9, 2024, the Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0 with an investment of Rs 10 lakh crores. This new scheme will replace the original PMAY-U, which runs until December 2024. PMAY-U 2.0 will last for five years and aims to build one crore houses for the urban poor and middle-class families.**

- ✓ The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs will implement the scheme. It covers towns from the 2011 census and targets economically weaker sections, low-income groups, and middle-income groups families without pucca houses, with income limits of Rs 3 lakh, Rs 6 lakh, and Rs 9 lakh per year, respectively.

10. What is the objective of "Polar Coupled Analysis and Prediction for Services" (PCAPS) project, recently launched by WMO?

- A. To improve space exploration
- B. To increase weather and climate information in the Arctic and Antarctic
- C. To develop new energy sources
- D. To enhance global internet connectivity



- ✓ The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) launched the "Polar Coupled Analysis and Prediction for Services" (PCAPS) to enhance weather forecasting in the Arctic and Antarctic. PCAPS aims to improve information on weather, water, ice, and climate in these regions. The project will develop better observation systems, Earth system models, and advocate for improved forecasting services. PCAPS is part of WMO's World Weather Research Programme (WWRP).

11. The Juanga Tribe primarily resides in which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ The District Level Committee of Keonjhar in Odisha approved habitat rights for the Juanga tribe under the Forest Rights Act (FRA). The Juanga, also known as Juang, are an indigenous community in Odisha's Keonjhar district and one of 13 particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs) in the state. They were originally known for their leaf skirt attire but now wear market-bought clothing. They speak Juang (Mundari), part of the Austroasiatic language family. Their traditional occupations included shifting cultivation.

12. What is the primary objective of the 'Clean Plant Programme (CPP)?

- A. To increase the number of dairy farms
- B. To expand urban green spaces
- C. To improve livestock health
- D. To provide access to virus-free, high-quality planting materials to farmers



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the Clean Plant Programme (CPP) to improve fruit crop quality and productivity nationwide. The Clean Plant Programme aims to provide virus-free, high-quality

planting materials to boost crop yields and quality, benefiting farmers' income. It focuses on improving productivity and quality rather than cutting production costs.

- ✓ Implemented by the National Horticulture Board (NHB) with ICAR, under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, it is part of the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).

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