

1. Narcotics Control Bureau operates under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Defence



- ✓ **The union home minister inaugurated the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) zonal office in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The NCB is India's main drug law enforcement and intelligence agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs. Established on November 14, 1985, it operates under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. Its headquarters are in Delhi. The NCB coordinates actions across various laws related to drug enforcement and international drug traffic. It assists international and foreign authorities in fighting drug trafficking and drug abuse.**

2. Recently, how many new districts have been announced for the Union Territory of Ladakh by the union home minister?

- A. Five
- B. Six
- C. Ten
- D. Sixteen

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- ✓ **Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced the creation of five new districts in Ladakh. The new districts are Zaskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra, and Changthang. This decision aims to improve governance and bring benefits closer to the people. Ladakh, previously with two districts (Leh and Kargil), is large and sparsely populated. The new districts will help implement public welfare schemes more effectively. The Ministry of Home Affairs has asked the Ladakh administration to form a committee to plan the new districts, including details like headquarters and boundaries, and submit a report within three months.**

3. Which state has recently become the first to implement the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Kerala
- D. Bihar



- ✓ **Maharashtra became the first state to adopt the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for its employees ahead of assembly elections. The UPS was introduced by the Central Government on August 24, 2024. It replaces the 21-year-old National Pension System (NPS) and is similar to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). This change effectively reverses pension reforms implemented by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government.**

4. Wular Lake is located in which state/UT?

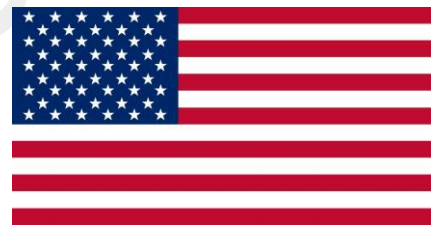
- A. Assam
- B. Odisha
- C. Kerala
- D. Jammu and Kashmir



- ✓ **Wular Lake is gradually being filled with silt from streams flowing in from surrounding mountains. It is the largest freshwater lake in India and the second-largest in Asia, located in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipore district. Fed by the Jhelum River, it sits at an altitude of 1,580 meters near Haramuk Mountain, covering 200 square kilometers. Formed by tectonic activity and a remnant of the ancient Satisar Lake, it features a central island called 'Zaina Lank,' built by King Zainul-Abi-Din. Designated a Ramsar Wetland in 1990, it supports diverse bird species.**

5. Recently, India signed the 'Security of Supplies Arrangement (SOSA)' agreement with which country?

- A. United States of America
- B. United Kingdom
- C. China
- D. Japan



- ✓ **India and the US have signed two key defence agreements: the Security of Supplies Arrangement (SOSA) and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Liaison Officers to boost defence cooperation. SOSA aims to enhance industry collaboration by ensuring priority support for defence goods and services between the two nations. Under SOSA, both countries can request faster delivery for defence contracts from each other's companies, helping manage supply-chain issues. India is now the 18th country to sign SOSA with the US.**

6. Where was the 'Under-17 World Wrestling Championship 2024' held?

- A. Tokyo, Japan
- B. Amman, Jordan
- C. Beijing, China
- D. New Delhi, India



- ✓ **Indian women's wrestlers won the team title at the U17 World Wrestling Championships 2024, breaking Japan's dominance. They secured 8 out of the 10 medals won by India, including 5 gold, 1 silver, and 2 bronze. The championship was held in Amman, Jordan, from August 19 to 25, 2024. Indian women's team secured 185 points, while Japan came second with 146 points. This is the first time the Indian women's team won the title, having consistently been in the top five in the past five editions. The Indian men's contingent won only two medals.**

7. What is the primary objective of the 'New India Literacy Programme (NILP)?

- A. To promote sports among children aged 6-14
- B. To provide food to 9th to 12th students
- C. To provide free laptops to college students
- D. To support the States and UT's in promoting literacy among non-literates aged 15 and above



- ✓ **The Ministry of Education defined 'literacy' and 'full literacy' under the New India Literacy Programme (NILP). NILP aims to promote literacy among people aged 15 and above across India. It is a centrally sponsored scheme with a budget of Rs. 1037.90 crore for 2022-2027. The goal is to onboard one crore learners annually.**
- ✓ **NILP has five components: foundational literacy, critical life skills, basic education, vocational skills, and continuing education. Beneficiaries are identified through door-to-door surveys and mobile app registration. The scheme relies on volunteers for teaching and uses online resources on the DIKSHA platform.**

8. Recently, where was the '2nd India Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR)' conference held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Singapore
- C. Chennai
- D. Indore



- ✓ **The 2nd India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) took place in Singapore on August 26, 2024, to strengthen strategic ties. The first ISMR was held in New Delhi in September 2022. ISMR is a high-level platform to discuss bilateral relationships and set future agendas.**
- ✓ **Four Indian ministers, including Nirmala Sitharaman and S Jaishankar, and six Singaporean ministers attended the meeting. The 2nd ISMR reviewed progress since the first meeting and focused on enhancing cooperation in various sectors. Discussions included digitalisation, skill development, sustainability, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and connectivity.**

9. Recently, where was the '24th International Mother Teresa Awards Ceremony' held?

- A. Paris
- B. Dubai
- C. New Delhi
- D. London



- ✓ **The 24th International Mother Teresa Awards Ceremony was held at the Millennium Plaza Dubai. The event commemorated the 114th birth anniversary of Mother Teresa.**

- ✓ Organized by the All-India Minority and Weaker Sections Council, it was held outside India for only the second time, both times in Dubai. The awards were established after Mother Teresa's death in 1997. They honor outstanding contributions in education, science, culture, sports, social work, medicine, industry, and politics in India.

10. What is the primary objective of the 'National Monsoon Mission'?

- A. To promote tourism during the monsoon season
- B. To enhance monsoon prediction capabilities across India for all time scales
- C. To study the impact of monsoons on wildlife
- D. To develop irrigation systems for farmers



- ✓ A new weather forecasting mission with a budget of at least Rs 10,000 crore is set to be launched soon. This mission will be much larger than the existing National Monsoon Mission (NMM).
- ✓ The NMM has developed advanced models for weather and climate prediction that are now fully operational. These models provide forecasts for short-range (1-10 days), medium-range (10-30 days), and seasonal (up to one season) periods. Over the past three years, these models have shown high accuracy in predicting weather events.

11. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), recently completed 10 years of implementation, comes under which ministry?

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



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- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has marked ten years since its launch on August 28, 2014, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The scheme aims to include the unbanked population in India's financial system.
- ✓ PMJDY has expanded financial services to nearly every adult in India, offering Basic Savings Bank Accounts, remittance, credit, insurance, and pensions. It is managed by the Ministry of Finance and focuses on providing affordable financial services to the masses. By July 2024, 52.74 crore Jan Dhan accounts had been opened. Over 55% of the account holders are women.

12. What is the theme of 'World Water Week 2024'?

- A. Bridging Borders: Water for a Peaceful and Sustainable Future
- B. Valuing Water
- C. Groundwater – making the invisible visible
- D. Accelerating Change



- ✓ The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) organizes World Water Week annually, and has been doing so since 1991. The 2024 event will take place from August 25–29, both online and in-person at the Stockholm Waterfront Congress Centre. The theme for 2024 is “Bridging Borders: Water for a Peaceful and Sustainable Future”. World Water Week is a leading conference that focuses on global water issues, and brings together a diverse group of people from around the world, including decision-makers, business leaders, city planners, activists, and researchers.

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