

1. What is the objective of 'SARTHIE 1.0' initiative, recently launched by Department of Social Justice and Empowerment and NALSA?

- A. Increase the GDP of the country
- B. Empower disadvantaged communities through awareness and legal support
- C. Promote tourism in India
- D. Enhance digital literacy among youth



- ✓ **The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment and the National Legal Services Authority launched SARTHIE 1.0 to empower disadvantaged communities like Scheduled Castes, Transgenders, and Nomadic Tribes.**
- ✓ **The initiative aims to raise awareness and provide legal support to promote effective access to social welfare schemes. It facilitates collaboration between the executive and judiciary to advance social justice. NALSA, established under the Legal Services Authorities Act of 1987, provides free legal services to eligible individuals and organizes Lok Adalats.**

2. Recently, two critically endangered species of amphibians, *Micrixalus spelunca* and *Nyctibatrachus indraneili*, were found in which tiger reserve?

- A. Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve
- B. Anamalai Tiger Reserve
- C. Mudumalai Tiger Reserve
- D. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve



- ✓ **Two critically endangered amphibian species, *Micrixalus spelunca* (cave dancing frog) and *Nyctibatrachus indraneili* (Indraneil's night frog), were discovered in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve. Mudumalai Tiger Reserve is located in the Nilgiris District of Tamil Nadu and is part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve. This biosphere reserve includes Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary in Kerala, Bandipur National Park in Karnataka, Mukurthi National Park, and Silent Valley, making it a vital area for biodiversity conservation.**

3. Which organization recently released the "World Development Report"?

- A. World Bank
- B. IMF
- C. FAO
- D. UNEP



- ✓ **The World Bank's latest World Development Report focuses on the middle-income (MI) trap, highlighting that it may take nearly 75 years for economies currently in this trap to progress. Since 1987, the World Bank has classified economies into four categories: high income, upper middle income, lower middle income, and low income.**

- ✓ While high-income countries have doubled from 41 to 86, low-income countries have reduced from 49 to 26. Currently, there are 108 middle-income countries, making up 75% of the global population and contributing about 38% of global GDP.

4. What is the name of the recently discovered 'mini-moon' that will orbit Earth for nearly two months?

- A. 2024 PT5
- B. Arjuna
- C. Sastra
- D. NEO 2024



- ✓ The 2024 PT5 is a small asteroid recently captured by Earth's gravity, set to orbit for approximately 53 days. It belongs to a group of asteroids known as the Arjuna asteroid belt. This event is significant as it provides a rare opportunity for scientific observation. The asteroid is too faint to be seen with the naked eye and will depart Earth's orbit on November 25, 2024.

5. Recently, how much total financial assistance has the Centre approved for the flood-affected states?

- A. 600 crore rupees
- B. 675 crore rupees
- C. 700 crore rupees
- D. 750 crore rupees



- ✓ The Centre has approved ₹675 crore to support flood-affected states Gujarat, Manipur, and Tripura from the National Disaster Response Fund. Gujarat will receive ₹600 crore, Manipur ₹50 crore, and Tripura ₹25 crore due to heavy rainfall, floods, and landslides this monsoon. The Ministry of Home Affairs emphasized its commitment to assist these states. Other affected states include Assam, Mizoram, Kerala, Nagaland, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Bihar.

6. NITI Aayog launched the first State Chapter of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform in which state?

- A. Telangana
- B. Kerala
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Odisha

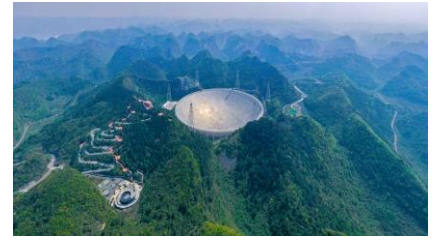


NITI Aayog

- ✓ NITI Aayog launched the first State Chapter of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) in Telangana. It was done in collaboration with WE Hub and the state government. The platform supports women entrepreneurs by tackling issues like lack of finance and mentorship. It focuses on digital skills, financial services, and market connections. Over 30,000 women entrepreneurs and 400 mentors are part of the platform. WE Hub will lead WEP-related activities in the state.

7. Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Telescope (FAST) is located in which country?

- A. Australia
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. India



- ✓ China has begun the second phase of expanding the Five-Hundred Aperture Spherical Telescope (FAST). FAST, located in Guizhou Province, is the world's largest and most sensitive radio telescope, with a diameter of 500 meters and a receiving area equal to 30 football fields. Its goals include detecting neutral hydrogen, discovering pulsars, participating in gravitational wave detection, and searching for extraterrestrial intelligence. FAST also joins international networks for high-resolution celestial studies. The data system is developed in collaboration with ICRAR in Australia and the European Southern Observatory (ESO).

8. Recently, where was India's first supercapacitor manufacturing facility inaugurated?

- A. Kannur, Kerala
- B. Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- C. Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- D. Nashik, Maharashtra



- ✓ Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated India's first supercapacitor manufacturing facility at Keltron, Kannur, Kerala. The plant was developed with ISRO's collaboration and an initial investment of Rs 42 crore. It will boost Kerala's electronics industry, supporting sectors like defence and electric vehicles. The facility aims to produce 2,000 supercapacitors daily, meeting global standards.

9. What is the target production of crude palm oil under National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) by 2025-26?

- A. 5 lakh tonnes
- B. 11.20 lakh tonnes
- C. 2.50 lakh tonnes
- D. 16.50 lakh tonnes



- ✓ A National Level Multi-Stakeholder Consultative Workshop on Sustainable Oil Palm Cultivation under the NMEO-OP was recently held. The workshop focused on enhancing oil palm cultivation and production of crude palm oil in India. It involved various stakeholders to discuss sustainable practices and strategies for implementing the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP).
- ✓ NMEO-OP was launched by India in August 2021 to boost oil palm cultivation and crude palm oil production. It focuses on the Northeast region and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The scheme has

a financial outlay of Rs 11,040 crore, with Rs 8,844 crore from the central government. It aims to increase oil palm cultivation from 3.5 lakh hectares to 10 lakh hectares by 2025-26 and crude palm oil production to 11.20 lakh tonnes.

10. ANNA DARPAN system is an initiative of which organization?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- C. National Disaster Management Authority
- D. APEDA



- ✓ **Food Corporation of India (FCI) selected Coforge Limited as the system integrator for its digital transformation project, Anna DARPAN. The project aims to streamline and improve supply chain management with an interactive, user-friendly design. It will use data analytics to support strategic and operational decisions. The system will integrate with internal and external systems, prioritizing mobile access.**

11. What is the theme of "Chanakya Defence Dialogue-2024", hosted by Indian Army?

- A. Drivers in Nation Building: Fuelling Growth through Comprehensive Security
- B. India's Path to Viksit Bharat
- C. Securing India and Indo-Pacific Region
- D. Innovations in Military Technology



- ✓ **The Indian Army, along with the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS), holds the Chanakya Defence Dialogue-2024 on October 24-25, 2024 in New Delhi. The event will focus on "Drivers in Nation Building: Fuelling Growth through Comprehensive Security." Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi emphasized a vision for a secure and prosperous India by 2047 at the curtain-raiser event.**
- ✓ **The dialogue aims to promote discussions, build strategic partnerships, and create actionable insights for national security and development. It will provide a platform for national and international leaders, policymakers, and experts to share their knowledge on security through development.**

12. What is the name of traditional beverage that recently received a GI tag from Assam's Bodo community?

- A. Bodo Tonba
- B. Bodo Jou Gwran
- C. Bodo Apor
- D. Bodo Aronai



- ✓ **The Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai granted GI tags to eight products from Assam, including 'Bodo Jou Gwran', a rice beer variant with about 16.11% alcohol, and 'Bodo Napham', a fermented fish dish. The Bodo community has a rich tradition of brewing and consuming rice beer, believing it originated from Lord Shiva.**

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