

1. Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER) mission is associated with which space organization?

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



- ✓ **NASA cancelled the Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER) mission due to delays and high costs. VIPER was fully assembled and partially tested before cancellation. It was a NASA mission to explore the Moon's south pole for water ice and other resources. VIPER was part of the U.S.-led Artemis Accords, involving India.**

2. Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 aims to clear legacy landfills by which year?

- A. 2025
- B. 2026
- C. 2027
- D. 2028



- ✓ **The Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, launched in 2021, targets the remediation of all legacy landfills in India by 2025-2026. As of now, 474 out of 2,421 legacy landfills have been cleared, reclaiming over 2,617 acres of land for alternate uses such as parks and integrated waste management projects. Cities like Ahmedabad, Nagpur, Pune, and Lucknow are transforming these sites, showcasing the mission's impact on urban development and environmental sustainability.**

3. RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) scheme, recently in news, comes under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of External Affairs
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Agriculture



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- ✓ **The RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) scheme is extended for domestic tariff area (DTA) units until September 30, 2025.**
- ✓ **Launched in January 2021 by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, RoDTEP refunds unreimbursed taxes, duties, and levies to exporters. It replaced the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS), which was challenged at the World Trade Organization (WTO) for non-compliance with global trade rules. RoDTEP ensures that exporters receive compensation for costs incurred during production and distribution.**

4. Which institution released a report titled 'Future Pandemic Preparedness and Emergency Response — A Framework for Action'?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Reserve Bank of India
- C. Food Corporation of India
- D. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

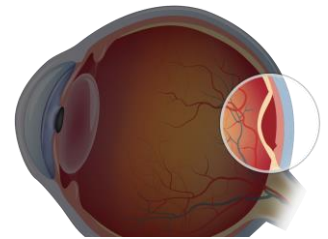


NITI Aayog

- ✓ **NITI Aayog released an Expert Group report titled 'Future Pandemic Preparedness and Emergency Response —A Framework for Action'. The report offers a blueprint for rapid response to future public health emergencies.**
- ✓ **COVID-19 is not the last pandemic; 75% of future threats could be zoonotic. The report offers a 100-day response plan for pandemics, focusing on governance, data management, and partnerships. The report recommends strengthening legislation, surveillance, and capacity-building. The framework aims to better prepare and manage future outbreaks effectively.**

5. Researchers of which institution has recently developed a method to treat retinal tears and diabetic retinopathy?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Madras
- D. IIT Kanpur



- ✓ **Researchers at IIT Madras have discovered a new method to treat retinal tears and diabetic retinopathy using mild laser-induced convection to improve drug delivery into the retina. They conducted simulations to study different treatment types, focusing on heat and mass transfer. This innovative approach could benefit around 11 million people in India with retinal disorders. Currently, laser-based techniques are employed to treat conditions like retinal tears, diabetic retinopathy, macular edema, and retinal vein occlusion.**

6. What is the theme of an annual Indian Navy conference, "Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue - 2024"?

- A. Resource-Geopolitics and Security in the Indo-Pacific
- B. Evolving Maritime Strategies within the Indo-Pacific
- C. Operationalising the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative
- D. Geopolitical Impacts Upon Indo-Pacific Maritime Trade and Connectivity



- ✓ **The 2024 Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD), an annual Indian Navy conference, held in New Delhi. The conference's theme is "Resource Geopolitics and Security in the Indo-Pacific".**

- ✓ IPRD is the Indian Navy's key platform for international strategic engagement, discussing maritime security in the Indo-Pacific. This year's conference highlights the impact of traditional and new marine resources on geopolitics, with a focus on offshore energy resources like hydrocarbons shaping future geopolitics.

7. What is the objective of 'PM E-DRIVE Scheme', launched by Ministry of Heavy Industries?

- A. Promote Electric Vehicle (EV) adoption and establish charging infrastructure
- B. Reduce public transportation usage
- C. Increase petrol vehicle production
- D. None of the above



- ✓ The Ministry of Heavy Industries launched the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme. The scheme aims to boost the adoption of Electric Vehicles (EVs) and create essential charging infrastructure nationwide for cleaner transportation. Key components include subsidies for electric two-wheelers, three-wheelers, ambulances, trucks, and other emerging EVs. Public charging stations will be established in cities with high EV use, supported by a financial outlay of ₹10,900 crore over two years.

8. Which ministry recently launched the People's Plan Campaign (Jan Yojana Abhiyan)?

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



पंचायती राज मंत्रालय
Ministry of Panchayati Raj

- ✓ The Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched the People's Plan Campaign, also known as Jan Yojana Abhiyan. The campaign is themed 'Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas' and focuses on preparing Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) for 2025–26. Special Gram Sabhas are being organized in over 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats. The aim is to strengthen grassroots democracy and promote inclusive development in rural India.

9. In which tiger reserve was a herpetofauna survey conducted that recorded 33 reptile species and 36 amphibian species?

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



- ✓ A recent herpetofauna survey in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, now called the MTR Masinagudi Division, found rich biodiversity, including species likely new to science. The survey covered habitats at altitudes of 300 to 2,000 meters above sea level. It identified 33 reptile species and 36 amphibian species, many endemics to the Western Ghats.

10. Recently, where was the “World Green Economy Forum” launched?

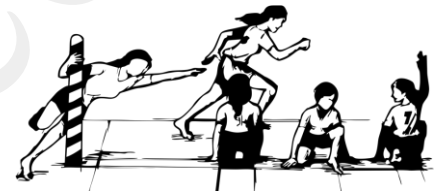
- A. Dubai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Paris
- D. London



- ✓ The World Green Economy Forum launched in Dubai, bringing together global leaders to address environmental challenges. Under Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's patronage, the theme was “Empowering Global Action: Unlocking Opportunities and Advancing Progress.” Sessions focused on international cooperation for climate mitigation and integrated approaches to meet sustainable development goals.

11. Which country hosts the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup in 2025?

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



- ✓ The inaugural Kho Kho World Cup will be held in India in 2025, announced by the Kho Kho Federation of India and the International Kho Kho Federation. The event will feature 24 countries from 6 continents, with 16 teams for both men and women. To promote the sport, the KKFI plans to introduce Kho Kho in 200 schools across 10 cities.

12. Which state government has partnered with Wales for 25th edition of the Hornbill Festival?

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



- ✓ Nagaland signed Wales as a Country Partner for the 25th Hornbill Festival. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, during his visit to Wales, announced the agreement with the Welsh Government, British Council, and Wales Arts International. The partnership aims to strengthen bilateral ties, enhance people-to-people contact, and create opportunities for youth.

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