

1. What is the main objective of the Ni-Kshay Poshan Yojana?

- A. Offer free medical treatment for anaemia patients
- B. To ensure health care services to the disadvantaged group
- C. Offer incentives for nutritional support to TB patients
- D. Aims to reduce cardiovascular diseases



- ✓ **The Union Health Ministry has increased monthly nutrition support for TB patients under Ni-Kshay Poshan Yojana from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000. Ni-Kshay Poshan Yojana was launched in April 2018 under the National Health Mission. It is a direct benefit transfer (DBT) scheme under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP). The scheme aims to provide nutritional support to TB patients. All notified TB patients are eligible beneficiaries of the scheme.**

2. Which ministry recently launched Humsafar Policy in New Delhi?

- A. Ministry of Urban Development
- B. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



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एवं राजमार्ग मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
**ROAD TRANSPORT
AND HIGHWAYS**

- ✓ **The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways launched the Humsafar Policy on 7 October 2024 in New Delhi. The policy was introduced by Nitin Gadkari in the presence of key officials. Humsafar Policy aims to improve travel convenience on National Highways and Expressways. It focuses on developing world-class facilities like eateries, fuel stations, and trauma centres along highways. Commuters will have access to well-maintained, hygienic services. Service provider details can be easily found on the NHAI's 'Rajmarg Yatra' app.**

3. Which organization recently published the "State of Global Water Resources Report"?

- A. UNDP
- B. International Monetary Fund
- C. World Meteorological Organization
- D. World Bank



- ✓ **The State of Global Water Resources report 2023 reveals that it was the driest year for global rivers in over three decades. This annual report has been published by the World Meteorological Organization since 2021. It provides a detailed overview of water resources, drawing from various national and international sources. The last five years have seen widespread below-normal river flows and reservoir inflows.**
- ✓ **All glacier regions reported ice loss in 2023, marking the largest mass loss in 50 years. Over 600 gigatons of water were lost globally, and 3.6 billion people lack adequate water access. This figure is projected to rise to over 5 billion by 2050, indicating a failure to meet Sustainable Development Goal 6.**

4. Thirukurungudi Temples are located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ **The Thirukurungudi Temples, including the Nambi Rayar Temple, Thirumalai Nambi Temple, and Anilswarar Temple, are situated in Tamil Nadu's Tirunelveli district. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has recently documented inscriptions from these temples, dating back to the 9th Century during the Pandya period. These inscriptions reveal historical donations, including sheep for temple lamps and tax-free land for gardens, highlighting the region's rich cultural heritage and religious practices during the Vijayanagara reign.**

5. World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) recently suspended the membership of which zoological park in India?

- A. Delhi Zoo
- B. Kolkata Zoo
- C. Mumbai Zoo
- D. Lucknow Zoo



- ✓ **The World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) suspended the membership of the National Zoological Park, or Delhi Zoo. The decision was due to concerns over the poor conditions of the lone African elephant at the zoo. WAZA is the global umbrella organization for zoos and aquariums, established in 1935. It represents the zoo and aquarium community worldwide. The organization's mission focuses on animal care, environmental education, and global conservation.**

6. What is the name of the online platform launched by the government for sharing experiences of retiring government employees?

- A. Suraksha
- B. Anubhav
- C. Nishchit
- D. Sankalp



- ✓ **The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare launched the online platform 'Anubhav' on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's direction. This platform allows retiring and retired government employees to share their work experiences. An Annual Awards Scheme was created in 2015 to encourage submissions, resulting in 10,886 published write-ups. So far, 78 outstanding write-ups have received 59 Anubhav Awards and 19 Jury Certificates.**

- ✓ The National Anubhav Awards Scheme 2025 invites Central Government employees and pensioners to submit their write-ups for awards. For the first time, employees from Central Public Sector Undertakings will also be eligible to participate. The submission period for pensioners has been extended from one year to three years post-retirement.

7. Recently, the Red Panda Program of which zoological park has been selected as a finalist for the WAZA Conservation Award 2024?

- A. Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park
- B. Nehru Zoological Park
- C. Nandankanan Zoological Park
- D. Chamarajendra Zoological Park



- ✓ Darjeeling's Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park's Red Panda Program is a finalist for the 2024 WAZA Conservation Award. Between 2022 and 2024, nine captive-bred red pandas were released into Singalila National Park, West Bengal.
- ✓ The zoo collaborates with institutions and the government of India for habitat restoration. It has a Biobanking and Genetic Resource Facility to preserve gametes, tissues, and DNA of Red Pandas and other endangered species. The award winner will be announced at the 79th WAZA Annual Conference on 7th November in Taronga Zoo, Australia.

8. Indian wild ass (*Equus hemionus khur*) is primarily found in which state?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Odisha



- ✓ The population of Indian Wild Ass (*Equus hemionus khur*) in Gujarat increased from 6,082 in 2020 to 7,672 in 2024, a rise of 26.14%. The khur is a subspecies of the Asiatic wild ass (*Equus hemionus*), also known as the onager. It is primarily found in the Little Rann of Kutch (LRK), Gujarat. Little Rann of Kutch is both a wetland and desert, and the khur is a generalist herbivore. It is solitary and shy, classified as endangered by IUCN and listed under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

9. Which city is the venue of World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Coimbatore
- D. Kakinada



- ✓ The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) takes place in New Delhi from October 14 to 24, 2024. WTSA has been held every four years since 2002 and is the governing conference of the ITU Standardisation Sector. It defines the work program and structure of study groups for telecommunication standardization. Hosting WTSA 2024 is a significant milestone for India in setting global telecommunication standards. The event will start with the Global Standards Symposium (GSS) on October 14, 2024, focusing on ICT standardization policy debates.

10. Which state government recently launched GREEN PLUS Scheme to enhance forest conservation?

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



- ✓ Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma launched the GREEN Meghalaya Plus (GMP) Scheme to enhance and conserve forest cover. The scheme aims to expand forest conservation by offering monetary rewards for protecting forested areas. It follows the Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) principle, supporting individuals and communities committed to conserving natural forests for at least 30 years. This initiative is part of the state's PES program launched in 2022 and targets an additional 50,000 hectares for conservation.

11. Which country hosts the 21st ASEAN-India Summit and the 19th East Asia Summit?

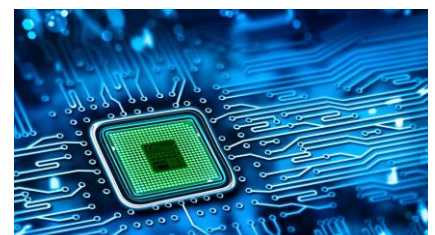
- A. Myanmar
B. Lao PDR
C. Malaysia
D. Indonesia



- ✓ The 21st ASEAN-India Summit and the 19th East Asia Summit are being hosted by Lao PDR, the current ASEAN Chair. India is celebrating a decade of its Act East Policy, with ASEAN relations as a key focus. The ASEAN-India Summit will assess the progress of their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and discuss future cooperation. The East Asia Summit fosters strategic trust and allows leaders to discuss important regional issues. Prime Minister Modi is expected to hold bilateral meetings during the summits.

12. Which organization developed the Unified Genomic Chip?

- A. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
B. Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD)
C. Food Corporation of India
D. Ministry of Agriculture



- ✓ The Prime Minister of India recently launched an initiative named 'Unified Genomic Chip'. It aims to assist farmers in identifying high-quality cattle early and improving dairy farming efficiency in India. The Unified Genomic Chip has two versions: the 'Gau Chip' for cattle and the 'Mahish Chip' for buffalo. Developed by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, the chip helps farmers make informed decisions by identifying young, high-quality bulls early. It is designed specifically for Indian cattle breeds, enhancing the quality of livestock and the dairy sector.

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