

1. Which ministry recently launched the 'AgriSURE Fund' and 'Krishi Nivesh Portal' in New Delhi?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- B. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Power



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कल्याण मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
**AGRICULTURE AND
FARMERS WELFARE**

- ✓ **Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the AgriSURE Fund and Krishi Nivesh Portal in New Delhi. He conferred the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) Excellence Awards to top-performing banks and states. The AIF was launched in 2022 to develop post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets.**

2. Recently, how much fund has been approved for the Digital Agriculture Mission by the Union Cabinet of India?

- A. Rs 500 Crore
- B. Rs 2,500 Crore
- C. Rs 2,817 Crore
- D. Rs 1,500 Crore



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, approved the Digital Agriculture Mission with a budget of Rs. 2817 Crore. The central share for this mission is Rs. 1940 Crore. The mission supports digital agriculture initiatives through Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), Digital General Crop Estimation Survey (DGCES), and other IT projects.**
- ✓ **Three main components under DPI are AgriStack, Krishi Decision Support System (DSS), and Soil Profile Maps. These components aim to provide solutions for farmers to access various services. AgriStack will include a Farmers' Registry, Geo-referenced Village Maps, and a Crop Sown Registry managed by state governments.**

3. Yogesh Kathuniya won which medal in the men's discus throw event at the 2024 Paris Paralympics?

- A. Gold
- B. Silver
- C. Bronze
- D. None of the above



- ✓ **Yogesh Kathuniya won the silver medal in the men's discus F56 final at the Paris 2024 Paralympics. The event took place at Stade de France. Kathuniya, 27 years old, achieved his season-best throw of 42.22 meters.**

- ✓ Brazil's Claudiney Batista dos Santos won gold with a Paralympic Record of 46.86 meters. Greece's Konstantinos Tzounis secured the bronze medal with a throw of 41.32 meters. Slovakia's Dusan Laczko finished fourth with a throw of 41.20 meters. Serbia's Nebojsa Duric qualified but did not participate in the final.

4. Deepti Jeevanji won which medal in the women's 400m T20 event at the 2024 Paris Paralympics?

- A. Gold
- B. Silver
- C. Bronze
- D. None of the Above



- ✓ India's Deepthi Jeevanji won a bronze medal in the women's 400m T20 race at the Paris Paralympics 2024. She completed the race in 55.82 seconds. Jeevanji secured third place, finishing behind Yuliia Shuliar from Ukraine, who clocked 55.16 seconds. The second-place finisher was Aysel Onder from Turkey, who holds the world record and finished in 55.23 seconds.

5. Which state government recently passed 'Aparajita Women and Child Bill 2024'?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. West Bengal
- D. Assam



- ✓ In response to a tragic crime of the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical Centre and Hospital on August 9, the West Bengal Assembly passed the Aparajita Woman and Child (West Bengal Criminal Laws Amendment) Bill, 2024, to strengthen protections for women and children.
- ✓ The bill amends several criminal laws, including the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita 2023 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012. The bill mandates time-bound investigations of rape cases within 21 days. It also imposes penalties for unauthorized publication of court proceedings and ensures convicts bear victims' medical costs.

6. Which organization recently released "India Development Update: India's Trade Opportunities in a Changing Global Context" report?

- A. World Bank
- B. International Monetary Fund
- C. United Nations Development Programme
- D. International Labour Organization



- ✓ The World Bank stated that India's medium-term outlook remains positive despite challenging global conditions. India's growth is expected to reach 7% in the financial year 2024-25 and stay strong in 2025-26 and 2026-27.
- ✓ The World Bank released a report 'India Development Update: India's Trade Opportunities in a Changing Global Context' on 3 September 2024. With strong revenue growth and fiscal consolidation, the debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to decrease from 83.9% in 2023-24 to 82% by 2026-27. The current account deficit is expected to remain around 1 to 1.6% of GDP until 2026-27.

7. Phrynarachne decipiens belongs to which species?

- A. Spider
- B. Frog
- C. Snake
- D. Fish



- ✓ Zoologists in Assam have recently added a new spider species, Phrynarachne decipiens, to India's list of arachnids. Commonly known as the bird dung or bird-dropping crab spider, it mimics bird excrement with its web. Previously found in Malaysia and Indonesia's Java and Sumatra, it has now been recorded in Assam's Sonapur and Chirang Reserve Forest. The genus Phrynarachne has 35 accepted species.

8. Recently, where was the national-level workshop on the "Indian Ocean Biodiversity Information System (IndOBIS)" conducted?

- A. National Institute of Oceanography
- B. Centre for Marine Living Resources & Ecology (CMLRE), Kochi
- C. Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, Hyderabad
- D. Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi



- ✓ The Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology (CMLRE) recently held a national workshop on the Indian Ocean Biodiversity Information System (IndOBIS) in Kochi. IndOBIS is the Indian regional node of the global Ocean Biodiversity Information System (OBIS).
- ✓ Hosted by CMLRE, IndOBIS collects data on marine species in the Indian Ocean and contributes to OBIS. OBIS is a large global repository with millions of marine species records from various contributors worldwide. It provides detailed information on species distribution, habitats, and environmental data across the world's oceans.

9. Which state government recently introduced the "Brindavan Gram Scheme" and the "Gita Bhavan Project"?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Assam



- ✓ The Madhya Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, launched the 'Brindavan Gram' scheme to develop model villages focused on cow protection and rural development.
- ✓ One gram panchayat from each of the state's 313 blocks will be selected and renamed 'Brindavan Gram.' Each chosen village will establish a gaushala (cow shed) to promote cow welfare and protection. The scheme aims to increase rural milk production, boosting farmers' incomes. 'Gita Bhavan' centers will be established in every urban area of Madhya Pradesh to spread spiritual knowledge, focusing on the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita and Lord Krishna, along with other spiritual texts.

10. Vishanu Yuddh Abhyas was conducted under which mission?

- A. National Mission on Sustainable Habitat
- B. National One Health Mission
- C. National Water Mission
- D. Atal Innovation Mission



- ✓ "Vishanu Yuddh Abhyas" is a mock drill conducted under the National One Health Mission (NOHM) to prepare for pandemic situations. NOHM focuses on the "One Health" approach, integrating disease control across human health, animal husbandry, and wildlife sectors. The exercise aimed to assess the readiness and response of the National Joint Outbreak Response Team (NJORT).
- ✓ A simulated scenario of a zoonotic disease outbreak was created to mimic a real-world situation. The drill involved multiple national and state agencies, including ICMR, AIIMS Jodhpur BSL-3 Lab, and state administrations.

11. Oceanic Nino Index (ONI) is primary indicator of which organization?

- A. UNEP
- B. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- C. World Meteorological Organization
- D. World Bank



- ✓ The impact of El Niño and La Niña on the Indian monsoon is under study. The Oceanic Niño Index (ONI) is crucial for understanding the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) dynamics. ONI is the primary indicator used by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a U.S. agency, to monitor ENSO. ONI measures the rolling 3-month average temperature difference in the surface waters of the east-central tropical Pacific near the International Dateline. An ONI value of +0.5 or higher indicates El Niño, while -0.5 or lower indicates La Niña.

12. National Test House (NTH) operates under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
- C. Ministry of Power
- D. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

- ✓ The National Test House (NTH) signed an MoU with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency to promote energy efficiency in India. NTH is a premier institution under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. It was established in 1912 as the Government Test House. NTH is India's largest multi-location, multidisciplinary testing laboratory under the Central Government.
- ✓ It deals with testing, calibration, and quality evaluation for industry, commerce, and trade, following international and national standards. NTH provides support to the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL). It is the first government body to certify drones in India.

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