

1. 'PM E-DRIVE Scheme' is proposed by which ministry for promoting electric mobility in India?

- A. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- B. Ministry of Heavy Industries
- C. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet approved the PM E-DRIVE Scheme to promote electric mobility, replacing the FAME programme. It has a budget of Rs 10,900 crore over two years, proposed by the Ministry of Heavy Industries. The scheme aims to boost electric vehicle adoption by offering upfront incentives for EV purchases. It focuses on building the required charging infrastructure to support EV use. The goal is to reduce the environmental impact of transportation and improve air quality. The scheme promotes EVs, mass public transport, and advanced EV technologies to enhance sustainability.**

2. Defence Minister of India recently inaugurated "India Defence Aviation Exposition (IDAX-24)" in which city?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Jodhpur
- D. Varanasi



- ✓ **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated "India Defence Aviation Exposition (IDAX-24)" in Jodhpur, Rajasthan and also observed the Tarang Shakti exercise at Jodhpur Air Force Station. The expo, held from September 12-14, 2024, featured industry participation and showcased various products and technologies. The event allowed the Indian Aviation Industry, including DPSUs, DRDO, private industries, and startups, to demonstrate their capabilities to global air force decision-makers and end users.**

3. Recently, the Maharashtra government announced the establishment of a tribal university in which district?

- A. Nashik
- B. Amravati
- C. Wardha
- D. Latur

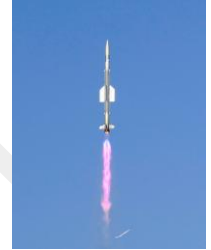


- ✓ **Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan announced the establishment of a tribal university in Nashik to support the development and future of tribal students. The university will offer quality education from Kindergarten to Post-graduation levels.**

- ✓ 80% of the seats will be reserved for tribal students. As the Chancellor of state universities, the Governor has the authority to establish and develop such institutions. The aim is to provide modern education to tribals to enhance their competitiveness and employability.

4. Recently, India successfully test-fired the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VLSRSAM) at which place?

- A. Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- B. Chandipur, Odisha
- C. Pokhran, Rajasthan
- D. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The Indian Navy and DRDO successfully tested the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) on 12 September 2024 at Chandipur Island, Odisha. This is DRDO's second missile test, following the Agni-4 trial on 6 September 2024. The missile was launched from a vertical launcher and intercepted a high-speed target at low altitude using an advanced seeker. VL-SRSAM will replace Israel's Barak-1 missile and be produced by Bharat Dynamic Limited.

5. Recently, where was the "BRICS National Security Advisers' meeting" held?

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



- ✓ National Security Advisor Ajit Doval met Russian President Vladimir Putin on 12 September 2024 during the BRICS national security advisors meeting. Russia is the current chair of BRICS and will host all related meetings in 2024, including the 16th BRICS summit in Kazan from 22 to 24 October 2024. President Putin invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the summit. The BRICS national security advisors' conclave took place in St. Petersburg from 11 to 13 September 2024, attended by 10 member countries, including India, Russia, Brazil, China, and others. The meeting was hosted by Russian NSA Sergei Shoigu.

6. Recently, senior citizens of which age has been included under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PMJAY)?

- A. 70 years of age or above
- B. 65 years of age or above
- C. 70 years of age or above
- D. 75 years of age or above



- ✓ The central government extended Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PMJAY) benefits to all senior citizens aged 70 or above.

- ✓ This decision was made during a Union Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Launched in 2018, the scheme has issued over 35.4 crore Ayushman cards across 33 states and union territories, except Delhi, West Bengal, and Odisha. The inclusion benefits 6 crore senior citizens, providing Rs 5 lakh annual health insurance. If a senior citizen is part of a covered family, the total family insurance will rise to Rs 10 lakh. Senior citizens with private or other public insurance can also avail of AB PMJAY benefits.

7. Lion-tailed Macaque is mainly found in which regions of India?

- A. Western ghats
- B. Himalayas
- C. Northeastern
- D. Banni grassland



- ✓ A lion-tailed macaque gave birth at the Chamundi Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre near Mysuru, Karnataka. The lion-tailed macaque (Macaca silenus) is an Old-World monkey, known for its males marking territory with calls. They have 17 vocalisations and are characterised by a grey mane around their face, resembling a beard, and a lion-like tufted tail. These primates are native to India, living in the fragmented rainforests of the Western Ghats in Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu. The species is endangered due to habitat destruction.

8. Recently, R. Ravindran has been appointed as India's ambassador to which country?

- A. Iceland
- B. Bulgaria
- C. Greece
- D. Croatia



- ✓ The Ministry of External Affairs appointed Mr R Ravindran as the next ambassador to Iceland. He has served in various organizations and locations throughout his career. R. Ravindran is an Indian Foreign Service officer from the 1999 batch. He is currently India's Deputy Permanent Representative at the United Nations.

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

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. UNDP
- C. WHO
- D. FAO



- ✓ 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.

- ✓ India's efforts during COVID-19, like digital tools and R&D, were highlighted. The report recommends strengthening legislation, surveillance, and capacity-building. It involved consultations with over 60 experts and stakeholders. The framework aims to better prepare and manage future outbreaks effectively.

10. Which ministry recently launched the 'Rangeen Machhli' mobile app?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- D. Ministry of Agriculture



- ✓ The Union Minister for Fisheries launched the 'Rangeen Machhli' app. Developed by ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture with support from Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. The app offers multilingual information on ornamental fish species in eight Indian languages.
- ✓ It helps users find nearby aquarium shops and supports local businesses by connecting users with reliable fish sources. Ornamental fish farming involves raising colorful, attractive fish in confined aquatic systems.

11. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), recently completed four years of implementation, was launched in which year?

- A. 2017
- B. 2018
- C. 2019
- D. 2020



- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) completed four years since its launch in 2020. It is the flagship scheme of the Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying. The scheme aims to boost the fisheries sector through a combination of initiatives and schemes. PMMSY has two components: Central Sector Scheme (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS). India is the 3rd largest fish producer and 2nd in aquaculture globally, with Andhra Pradesh leading. The fisheries sector supports over 30 million livelihoods in India.

12. Which country recently took seat among UN member states at 79th session of the UN General Assembly?

- A. Palestine
- B. Yemen
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Sudan



- ✓ The 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly started in New York. Palestine, despite not being a full UN member, was given a seat among member states in the General Assembly Hall. Palestinian envoy Riyad Mansour was seated at a table marked "State of Palestine," positioned between Sri Lanka and Sudan.

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