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Current Affairs Q&A PDF – 18 September 2024

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. In September 2024, the Ministry of Defence(MoD) approved the Indian Navy's (IN) Rs 2,500 crore plan to develop _____.

- 1) Ocean Research Vessels
- 2) Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts
- 3) Extra-Large Unmanned Underwater Vessels
- 4) Next Generation Missile Vessels
- 5) Offshore Patrol Vessels

Answer- **3) Extra-Large Unmanned Underwater Vessels**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Defence(MoD) has approved the Indian Navy's (IN) **Rs 2,500 crore plan** to develop Extra-Large Unmanned Underwater Vessels (XLUUVs) as part of its strategy to enhance underwater combat and surveillance capabilities.

- These vessels are expected to strengthen India's defence against enemy submarines and surface vessels.
- The XLUUVs, **weighing over 100 tonnes**, will have strike capabilities against enemy submarines and surface vessels.
- These vessels will be deployed for various tasks including mine-laying, mine-clearing, surveillance, and launching weapons.

Option Revision:

1. Covered in July 2024: Ocean Research Vessel

Indian Defence Public Sector Unit (PSU), Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) signed an agreement worth Rs. 839.55 Crores. with the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) for the construction of the Ocean Research Vessel (ORV) in 36 months.

2. Covered in September 2024: Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft

On 10th September 2024, Kerala-based Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) launched 2 indigenously designed and constructed Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water-Crafts (ASW-SWCs) named the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Malpe and INS Mulki built for the Indian Navy (IN).

4. Covered in April 2024: Next Generation Missile Vessel

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi(Kerala) signed a contract worth Rs 1,173 .42 crore to supply 6 sets of LM2500 gas turbines (GT) and GT Auxiliaries (GTAE), spares, tools for Indian Navy's Next Generation Missile Vessel (NGMV) project.

Dear Aspirants,

We have introduced a new explanation section called "Option Revision" Exclusively on our Daily CA App Quiz. It will help aspirants to revise last 4 months CA via options. The news theme, relevant topic, and importance are taken into consideration when choosing an option.

Question No. 1 gives you preview about option revision., Aspirants can get

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2. Which institution has been recently (in September '24) notified as a Public Financial Institution (PFI) by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) under the Section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013?

- 1) Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited
- 2) National Housing Bank
- 3) National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
- 4) Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Limited
- 5) National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development

Answer- 5) National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development

Explanation:

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Government of India (GoI) in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) notified the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) as a Public Financial Institution (PFI) under the Section 2 of the **Companies Act, 2013**.

- NaBFID is a specialised Development Finance Institution (DFI) in India.
- This designation will help NaBFID to finance large-scale infrastructure projects, which will help strengthen India's infrastructure development.
- NaBFID was established in **2021** as a DFI under the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development Act 2021.

3. Which city has recently (in September '24) hosted the India Defence Aviation Exposition (Expo) (IDAX-24)?

- 1) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- 2) Umroi, Meghalaya
- 3) Chandipur, Odisha
- 4) Amethi, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Bangalore, Karnataka

Answer- 1) Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Explanation:

Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Ministry of Defence (MoD) inaugurated the India Defence Aviation Exposition (Expo) (IDAX-24) in **Jodhpur**, Rajasthan, showcasing India's commitment to Indigenous defence manufacturing and aerospace innovation.

- The IDAX-24, run from 12 to 14 September 2024, highlighted the significant advancements and contributions of the Indian aviation industry.
- The event coincides with **Exercise Tarang Shakti-24 (Phase II)**, one of the largest and India's first multinational air exercises hosted by the Indian Air Force (IAF) in **Jodhpur** from 29th August to 14th September 2024.

- IDAX-24 aims to present India's Indigenous aviation capabilities to global air forces.
- The IAF's Directorate of Aerospace Design (DAD) participated in the expo alongside various startups. [Click here to read more.](#)

4. Who has recently (in September '24) inaugurated the SEMICON India 2024 at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Droupadi Murmu
- 3) Ashwini Vaishnav
- 4) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- 5) Amit Shah

Answer- **1) Narendra Modi**

Explanation:

On September 11 2024, Prime Minister (PM) **Narendra Modi** inaugurated **SEMICON India 2024** at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh (UP). The 3-day conference was organised by India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) in partnership with SEMI and industry associations.

- Theme of SEMICON India 2024 is '**Shaping the Semiconductor Future**'.
- The conference has demonstrated India's semiconductor strategy and policy which aims to make India a global hub for semiconductors.
- PM informed that GoI aimed to increase India's electronics sector now valued at over USD 150 billion to **USD 500 billion** and to create 6 million jobs by the end of this decade.
- He highlighted India has been chosen as **Vice Chair** of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)'s **Supply Chain Council** and is a key partner in the QUAD Semiconductor Supply Chain initiative.
- India has signed various agreements with countries like Japan and Singapore and also India is strengthening its cooperation with the United States of America (USA) in the semiconductor sector.
- **SEMI**, the global industry association that connects the semiconductor and electronic design and manufacturing value chain, has announced a **strategic agreement** with its peer **India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA)**, India's premier industry body for ESDM & Intelligent Electronics on the sidelines of SEMICON India 2024. [Click here to read more.](#)



5. Which organisation has recently (in September '24) approved the National Test House (NTH) at Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) as a Certification Body for Type certification of drones?

- 1) Quality Council of India
- 2) Bureau of Indian Standards
- 3) Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India
- 4) National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies
- 5) Indian Standards Institution

Answer- **1) Quality Council of India**

Explanation:

The National Test House (NTH), North Region (NR), **Ghaziabad**, Uttar Pradesh (UP), has been provisionally approved by the Quality Council of India (QCI) as a **Certification Body for Type**

certification of drones or Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) under the Certification Scheme for UAS. The National Test House becomes the **1st Government Body** to Certify Drones in India.

- NTH offers drone certification services at a competitive fee of Rs 1.5 lakh, the lowest in the industry, supporting India's "Make in India" and "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-reliant India) initiatives.
- NTH, established in 1912, is under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MOCA, F&PD).
- QCI is an autonomous organization under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I).

BANKING & FINANCE

6. Which ministry has recently (in September '24) relaxed norms for expenditure exceeding Rs 500 crore to boost the capital expenditure (capex) that is estimated at Rs 11.11 lakh crore for the Financial Year 2024-25 (FY25)?

- 1) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Finance
- 5) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Answer- **4) Ministry of Finance**

Explanation:

The Union Ministry of Finance (**MoF**) has relaxed norms for expenditure **exceeding Rs 500 crore** in order to accelerate the capital expenditure (capex) that is estimated at **Rs 11.11 lakh crore** for the Financial Year 2024-25 (FY25).

- This will give a boost to the government spending which suffered a slowdown in early months of FY25 due to general elections.
- The relaxation allowed is subject to strict compliance by all ministries and departments.
- Bulk expenditures items having value of **more than Rs 2,000 crore** were to be timed during the 2nd fortnight in the last month of quarter to avail of direct tax receipts inflow. Now such conditions have been waived off as per the new rules.

7. In September 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) clarified that Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders are now eligible for _____ (loan) from Indian banks, as long as they are residing in India.

- 1) Personal Loan
- 2) Education Loan
- 3) Policy Loan
- 4) Business Loan
- 5) Home Loan

Answer- **2) Education Loan**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) has clarified that Overseas Citizens of India (**OCI**) cardholders are now eligible for education loans from Indian banks to study abroad, provided they are residing in India.

- It has also clarified that the **Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)** imposes no restriction on the remittance of domestically borrowed funds for present account transactions, including those for education purposes.
- As per existing provisions of LRS, all resident individuals, including minors, are permitted to freely remit a maximum **USD 250,000** per financial year (April-March) for any permissible current or capital account transaction or a combination of both.
- The loan will cover various expenses related to education abroad such as: tuition fees, accommodation, travel, among others.
- At present, some of the leading Indian banks like: **State Bank of India (SBI), HDFC Bank Limited, ICICI Bank Limited**, among others, are providing education loan services to residents of OCI.

8. Bharti Airtel has recently (in September '24) launched a fixed deposits service under its digital finance arm Airtel Finance by offering interest rates of up to ___ per annum.

- 1) 6.8%
- 2) 7.25%
- 3) 7.75%
- 4) 8%
- 5) 9.1%

Answer- **5) 9.1%**

Explanation:

Bharti Airtel, a leading Indian telecommunications provider, introduced a Fixed Deposit (FD) marketplace under its digital arm, **Airtel Finance**. This new platform, accessible via the **Airtel Thanks App**, offers interest rates of up to **9.1%** per annum. Airtel Finance provides an assured return and fixed-income investment option on the digital platform.

- Airtel Finance will offer the FD service by partnering with several Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Small Finance Banks (SFBs) in India, including Utkarsh Small Finance Bank (USFB), Shriram Finance Limited (SFL), etc.
- Customers can book and manage FDs via the Airtel Thanks App, with a minimum investment of Rs 1,000, eliminating the need to open a new bank account.



ECONOMY & BUSINESS

9. Which company has recently (in September '24) signed a 500 million Pounds Grant Funding Agreement with the United Kingdom (UK) Government for its 1.25 billion Pounds green steel project in Wales, UK?

- 1) Arjas Steel Private Limited
- 2) Steel Authority of India
- 3) Jindal Steel & Power Limited
- 4) Sanyo Special Steel Manufacturing India Private Limited
- 5) Tata Steel UK Limited

Answer- **5) Tata Steel UK Limited**

Explanation:

Tata Steel UK Limited, a subsidiary of India based Tata Steel Limited(TSL), has signed a **500 million Pounds Grant Funding Agreement** with the **United Kingdom (UK)** Government for its 1.25 billion Pounds green steel project at Port Talbot steelworks in Wales, the UK. This agreement is the largest investment in the UK steel sector in decades.

- It also sets the stage for the installation of a state-of-the-art Electric Arc Furnace (**EAF**) at its steelworks in Wales and also saves 5,000 jobs. The EAF is expected to be operational within three years.
- The EAF technology will significantly reduce carbon emissions, lowering the UK's total industrial emissions by **8%** and Port Talbot's emissions by **90%**.
- The facility will be set up at a cost of **750 million Pounds** by Tata Steel in addition to the 500 million Pounds already funded. It is expected to be operational by the end of **2027**.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

10. Name the Indian Cricketer who has recently (in September '24) onboard as Brand Ambassador of Shriram Finance Limited.

- 1) Rahul Sharad Dravid
- 2) Gautam Gambhir
- 3) Virat Kohli
- 4) Shikhar Dhawan
- 5) Sunil Gavaskar

Answer- **1) Rahul Sharad Dravid**

Explanation:

Mumbai (Maharashtra) based **Shriram Finance Limited**, the flagship company of the Shriram Group has announced the onboarding of **Rahul Sharad Dravid**, former captain and head coach of the Indian cricket team, as its **brand ambassador**.

- Rahul Sharad Dravid has been honoured with the Arjuna Award by the Government of India (GoI) in 1998 for achievements in cricket, Padma Shri in 2004 and Padma Bhushan in 2013.

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

11. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has recently (in September 2024) increased its stake in _____ (company) to about 9.3%.

- 1) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation
- 2) Rural Electrification Corporation Limited
- 3) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited
- 4) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- 5) Indian Railway Finance Corporation

Answer- **1) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation**

Explanation:

On 12th September 2024, Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**), India's largest state-owned insurance company, has increased its stake Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (**IRCTC**), a "Mini Ratna (Category-I)" Central Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under Ministry of Railways, to about 9.3%

- LIC's shareholdings in equity shares of IRCTC has been increased from around 5.82 crore to around 7.43 crore i.e., 7.278% to **~9.298%** of the paid up capital.
- LIC shareholding in IRCTC has increased 2.02% in the period 16th December 2022, to 11th September 2024, via open market purchases.

Max Healthcare Institute Limited (Max Health Care) has announced the acquisition of 64% stake (controlling stake) in Jaypee Healthcare Limited (JHL) at an enterprise value of Rs 1,660 crore.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

12. Which organisation partnered with the Indian Navy (IN) has recently (in September '24) conducted the 2nd consecutive flight test of the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VLSRSAM)?

- 1) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- 2) Defence Research & Development Organisation
- 3) Adani Defence and Aerospace
- 4) Flying Wedge Defence and Aerospace Technologies
- 5) Mahindra Defence Systems Limited

Answer- **2) Defence Research & Development Organisation**

Explanation:

On 13th September 2024, the Defence Research & Development Organisation (**DRDO**) and the Indian Navy (**IN**) successfully conducted the **2nd consecutive flight test** of the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (**VLSRSAM**), a ship-borne weapon system from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in **Chandipur**, off the coast of Odisha.

- Developed by DRDO, VLSRSAM intercepted a **high-speed aerial target** at a very low altitude, simulating a sea-skimming threat, showcasing its precision and capability.
- This test followed a similar successful flight on September 12, 2024, where the missile effectively neutralized a low-altitude target.
- DRDO successfully completed the first phase of developmental field firing trials for India's indigenous light tank, 'Zorawar.' It was tested in desert terrain, demonstrating exceptional performance during preliminary automotive trials.
- The initial phase focused on testing the tank's firing capabilities, achieving the required accuracy on designated targets.

13. Name the state-of-the-art Kalvari Submarine Escape Training Facility that was recently (in September '24) commissioned by the Indian Navy (IN) at (Indian Naval Ship) INS Satavahana, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP).

- 1) Arighaat
- 2) Dega
- 3) Triput
- 4) Vinetra

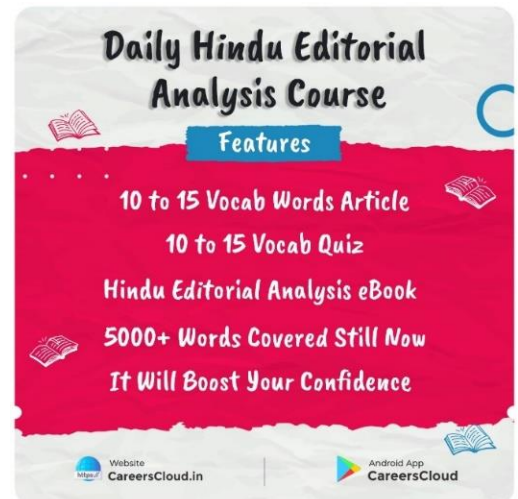
5) MAITRI

Answer- 4) Vinetra

Explanation:

The Indian Navy (IN) has commissioned a state-of-the-art **Kalvari Submarine Escape Training Facility**, named 'Vinetra,' at **INS (Indian Naval Ship) Satavahana**, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP). It is designed to enhance the crew's escape capabilities from distressed Kalvari-class submarines.

- It was inaugurated by **Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar**, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C), Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam, AP.
- The facility "Vinetra" (विनेत्र), meaning "Trainer" represents a significant step forward in building confidence among submariner.
- Vinetra, indigenously designed and developed on the lines of Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative, is built by Larsen & Toubro Ltd (L&T) Defence featuring a **five-meter escape tower** integrated with a diving basin.
- **INS Kalvari**, commissioned in 2017, was the first of the class, followed by other submarines like **INS Khanderi**, **INS Karanj**, **INS Vela**, **INS Vagir**, and **INS Vagsheer**.



IMPORTANT DAYS

14. When was the National Engineer's Day observed across India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvarayaan?

- 1) September 15
- 2) August 10
- 3) July 2
- 4) June 9
- 5) August 14

Answer- 1) September 15

Explanation:

National Engineer's Day is annually observed across India on **September 15** to commemorate the **birth anniversary** of Bharat Ratna **Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvarayaan**, who is known as the first engineer of India for his vital contribution to the field of engineering and education.

- This day recognises the achievements and invaluable contributions of engineers across India.
- The Government of India (GoI) declared the birth anniversary of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya as National Engineers' Day in **1968**.
- The **first-ever** National Engineers' Day was celebrated on **15th September 1968**.
- In 1955, the GoI honoured Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya with **Bharat Ratna** for his significant contributions in the field of engineering and for his service to India. [Click here to read more.](#)

15. The United Nations (UN)'s International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is annually observed across the globe on _____ to spread awareness about the importance of the ozone layer.

- 1) August 12
- 2) September 16
- 3) July 11
- 4) June 4
- 5) May 24

Answer- **2) September 16**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN)'s **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer** or **World Ozone Day** (WOD) is annually observed across the globe on **16 September** to spread awareness about the importance of the ozone layer and its depletion that leads to global warming and climate change worldwide.

- The Day also aims to promote actions to protect the ozone layer. This Day is also known as Global Ozone Day.
- 16th September 2024 marks the observance of the **30th** International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.
- The theme of International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2024 is "**Montreal Protocol: Advancing Climate Actions**".
- On 19 December **1994**, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution A/RES/49/114, proclaiming the 16 September of every year as International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.
- The 1st International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was observed on **16th September 1995**.
- Ozone (O₃) is a highly reactive colourless, and odourless gas and is a special form of oxygen, unlike the Oxygen (O₂) we breathe.
- On 16th September 2009, the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol became the first set of treaties in the history of the UN to achieve universal ratification.
- According to the World Meteorological Organization's (WMO) annual [WMO Ozone and UV Bulletin 2024](#), The ozone layer is expected to recover to 1980 values (before the appearance of the ozone hole) by 2066 over Antarctica; by 2045 over the Arctic and by 2040 for the rest of the world. [Click here to read more.](#)

16. When was the first-ever United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Science, Technology, and Innovation for the South observed?

- 1) 1st August 2024
- 2) 28th July 2024
- 3) 16th September 2024
- 4) 1st June 2024
- 5) 14th May 2024

Answer- **3) 16th September 2024**

Explanation:

The **first-ever** United Nations (UN)'s **International Day of Science, Technology, and Innovation for the South** was observed on **16th September 2024** to emphasise the important role of Science,

Technology, and Innovation (**STI**) in supporting economic growth and sustainable development, particularly in the Global South.

- This day highlights the necessity of STI in achieving the SDGs and creating a fairer, more participatory, and inclusive world.
- On 9 January **2024**, the UN General Assembly (**UNGA**) adopted the resolution A/RES/78/259, proclaiming the **16 September** of every year as the **International Day of Science, Technology, and Innovation for the South**.
- The Summit was held in Havana, Cuba, on 15 and 16 September 2023.
- India achieved the fastest 5th Generation (5G) rollout with 2.70 lakh sites deployed by Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel within nine months.
- India moved from 7th (2010) to 3rd (2023) in global scientific publications rankings, behind China and the United States of America (USA). [Click here to read more.](#)

STATIC

17. Which company partnered with Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited has recently (in September '24) launched the 'SUPER STAR' a personalised long-term health insurance plan?

- 1) Insurancedekho
- 2) Acko
- 3) Cars24
- 4) Insurancemarket
- 5) Policybazaar

Answer- **5) Policybazaar**

Explanation:

On 13th September 2024, **Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited** (Star Health Insurance) and **Policybazaar** launched the '**SUPER STAR**', a personalised long-term health insurance plan

- It is customer-centric in nature with an objective of delivering greater customer value. The long-term 5-year policy term for individuals and families alike.
- The Super Star Insurance plan marks a paradigm shift in the health insurance landscape by offering modular coverage that adapts to customers' needs through different life stages.
- SUPER STAR is a digital-only product available through the Policybazaar website and Star Health's online portal.

18. Which vaccine-making company has recently (in September '24) signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for clinical development of India's first codon de-optimised live-attenuated Zika vaccine?

- 1) Bharat Biotech International Limited
- 2) Cadila Healthcare Limited
- 3) Indian Immunologicals Limited
- 4) Serum Institute of India
- 5) Sanofi India Limited

Answer- **3) Indian Immunologicals Limited**

Explanation:

Vaccine maker **Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL)** and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) have signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) for clinical development of India's first codon de-optimised live-attenuated **Zika vaccine**.

- **Zika virus**, primarily transmitted by **Aedes mosquitoes**, can also be passed from mother to fetus during pregnancy, through sexual contact, blood transfusion and organ transplants.
- Under the agreement, the ICMR will bear the costs associated with the Phase I clinical trials, including expenses for conducting, investigation and monitoring the trials.

19. Name the humanoid robot that will be part of the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Gaganyaan mission.

- 1) Aakashmita
- 2) Suryamitra
- 3) Chandramitra
- 4) Vyommitra
- 5) Antariksha

Answer- **4) Vyommitra**

Explanation:

Prior to launching astronauts on the **Gaganyaan mission** in 2025, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will first send a humanoid robot named **Vyommitra** into space to assess spacecraft safety.

- Vyommitra's skull weighs 800 grams and measures 200 mm x 220 mm. It is made from a high-strength aluminium alloy that can endure pressure and vibration.
- Vyommitra will resemble the upper human body, featuring movable arms, face, and neck equipped with sensors to perform human-like functions and assess the impacts of space travel.

20. What is the name of the asteroid, referred to as the "God of Chaos," that is likely to strike Earth in 2029, according to new research published by The Planetary Science Journal?

- 1) Eunomia
- 2) Apophis
- 3) Castalia
- 4) Hygiea
- 5) Pallas

Answer- **2) Apophis**

Explanation:

According to new research published by The Planetary Science Journal, an asteroid known as the "**God of Chaos**" or "**Apophis**" is likely to strike Earth in 2029.

- Officially named 99942 Apophis asteroid is a 1,210-foot-wide near-Earth asteroid.
- The name "Apophis" originates from the ancient Greek name of the Egyptian deity "**Apep**," also spelt "Apepi" or "Aapep".
- It will pass within 32,000 kilometres of Earth's surface on April 13, 2029.
- The asteroid was classified as level four on the Torino impact danger scale when it was first identified in 2004. 0 indicates there is no possibility of collision, while 10 indicates "a collision is certain" and might result in a global climatic disaster.

- According to the study, the “God of Chaos” might strike Earth at a later time and be caused by an object as small as 0.6 metres, or two feet, wide.

21. Which organisation published the recently (in September ‘24) released book titled “ISRO: Exploring New Frontiers - To The Moon, The Sun & Beyond”?

- 1) Penguin Random House India
- 2) Rupa Publications
- 3) The Hindu Group of Publications
- 4) HarperCollins India
- 5) Notion Press

Answer- **3) The Hindu Group of Publications**

Explanation:

S. Somanath, Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), unveiled a coffee-table book titled “**ISRO: Exploring New Frontiers - To The Moon, The Sun & Beyond,**” published by **The Hindu** Group of Publications..

- Curated by T.S. Subramanian, former Associate Editor of Frontline, the book provides a detailed account of India's journey as a space-faring nation, chronicling its achievements from the early 1960s to recent missions such as the Mars Orbiter Mission, Chandrayaan-1, 2, and 3, as well as the Aditya L-1 mission.

22. Which semiconductor firm has recently (in September ‘24) received approval from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) under the Semiconductor Design Linked Incentive (DLI) for the development of the Vision SoC (System-on-Chip)?

- 1) Micron Technology
- 2) Applied Materials
- 3) MosChip Technologies
- 4) Tata Elxsi
- 5) Mindgrove Technologies

Answer- **5) Mindgrove Technologies**

Explanation:

Mindgrove Technologies, a semiconductor design startup, has received approval from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**) under the Semiconductor Design Linked Incentive (DLI) for the development of its second chip — **Vision SoC**.

- Designed for high-performance edge computing and video processing applications, the **Vision SoC (System-on-Chip)** is ideal for devices that handle video information.
- The DLI scheme, implemented by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (**C-DAC**), aims to provide financial incentives and design infrastructure support for the development and deployment of semiconductor designs for Integrated Circuits (ICs), Chipsets, System on Chips (SoCs), Systems & IP Cores and semiconductor linked design over a period of five years.

23. Which state has the highest number of AYUSH facilities at the urban primary health centres, as per the Health Dynamics of India (Infrastructure and Human Resources) 2022-23 report?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Madhya Pradesh

- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Bihar

Answer- **2) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) launched the '**Health Dynamics of India (Infrastructure and Human Resources) 2022-23**' report in September, revealing that Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of AYUSH facilities in India, with **328 urban primary health centres**.

- Madhya Pradesh also ranks second in the number of district hospitals with 52, led by Uttar Pradesh with 125 and Delhi on third place with 40.
- The top three states with the highest number of AYUSH doctors in tribal areas are Odisha with 296, Chhattisgarh with 279, and Madhya Pradesh with 228.
- The leading states in terms of Community Health Care Centres are Uttar Pradesh with 939, Rajasthan with 650, Gujarat with 350, and Madhya Pradesh with 332.
- The top three states with the highest number of sub-divisional and district hospitals are Tamil Nadu, leading with 281, followed by Karnataka with 147, and Madhya Pradesh with 144.

24. Which airline has recently (in September '24) become the first Indian airline to adopt the Required Navigation Performance Authorization Required (RNP AR) flight procedure for operations at Tribhuvan International Airport in Nepal?

- 1) Alliance Air
- 2) Akasa Air
- 3) Air India
- 4) SpiceJet
- 5) IndiGo

Answer- **5) IndiGo**

Explanation:

IndiGo Airlines has become the first Indian airline to adopt the Required Navigation Performance Authorization Required (**RNP AR**) flight procedure for operations at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu, Nepal.

- The RNP AR technology is specifically designed for airports in geographically challenging and high-altitude regions.
- It enables aircraft to adhere to predetermined flight paths with remarkable accuracy, effectively mitigating the risks posed by the mountainous landscape.

25. In September 2024, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) allowed securities funded through cash collateral to be considered as _____ for the Margin Trading Facility (MTF).

- 1) Maintenance Margin
- 2) Initial Margin
- 3) Variation Margin
- 4) Margin Call
- 5) Final Margin

Answer- **1) Maintenance Margin**

Explanation:

In September 2024, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) allowed securities funded through cash collateral to be considered as **Maintenance Margin** for the **Margin Trading Facility (MTF)**.

- According to the updated guidelines, if a broker receives cash collateral from a client and uses it to settle obligations with the Clearing Corporation (CC), the securities received from the CC can be treated as maintenance margin. The only condition is that these securities must be pledged in favor of the broker.
- This update is expected to reduce the need for additional collateral, making things simpler for both brokers and clients.
- For stocks used as maintenance margin based on cash collateral, SEBI has specified that they must come from Group 1 securities. The margin for these stocks will be calculated based on the Value at Risk (VaR), plus five times the Extreme Loss Margin, regardless of whether these stocks are available in the futures and options segment.
- Additionally, the regulator has asked trading members to report their exposure under MTF by 6:00 PM on T+1 day (the day after the trade date).

26. According to the United Nations(UN's) World Social Protection Report 2024-26, _____ of the global population has some form of social protection.

- 1) 55.9 %
- 2) 52.4 %
- 3) 42.8 %
- 4) 50.5 %
- 5) 45.6 %

Answer- **2) 52.4 %**

Explanation:

According to the United Nations(UN) report titled "**World Social Protection Report 2024-26: Universal social protection for climate action and a just transition,**" **52.4 %** of the global population has some form of social protection.

- In 2015, 42.8 % of the global population had some form of social protection.
- In the 20 countries most vulnerable to the climate crisis, **91.3 %** of the population (364 million people) still lack any form of social protection.
- The report also highlights, **3.8 billion** people lack any kind of safety net, including 1.8 billion children worldwide
- Globally, **76.1 %** of children still have no effective social protection coverage. Additionally, a notable gender gap remains, with women's coverage trailing behind men's by 50.1 to 54.6 %.

27. Which multinational company has recently (in September '24) signed an agreement with L&T Semiconductor Technologies to co-develop advanced processors?

- 1) IBM
- 2) Amazon
- 3) Microsoft
- 4) Apple
- 5) Google

Answer- **1) IBM**

Explanation:

On 10th September 2024, **L&T Semiconductor Technologies**, the chip arm of infrastructure major Larsen and Toubro announced a collaboration with US-based computing giant **IBM**, a multinational company for research and development to develop advanced processors.

- The scope of this work could include processor design for edge devices and hybrid cloud systems, as well as for areas like mobility, industrial, energy, and servers.
- Under this collaboration, IBM and L&T Semiconductor Technologies Limited anticipate focusing on innovation, functionality, and performance to enable reliable, secure, and scalable compute for a range of applications.

28. Which country topped the 2024 Chainalysis's Global Crypto Adoption Index?

- 1) Vietnam
- 2) United States of America
- 3) Indonesia
- 4) India
- 5) Nigeria

Answer- **4) India**

Explanation:

According to the 2024 **Chainalysis's Global Crypto Adoption Index**, **India** was ranked first in the global adoption of cryptocurrencies for the second straight year.

- The report tracks adoption across four sub-categories in 151 countries.
- India ranked top on usage of centralized exchange and decentralized finance assets from June 2023 to July 2024.
- Other countries in the top five include Nigeria(**2nd**), Indonesia(**3rd**), the United States of America(**4th**), and Vietnam(**5th**).

29. Name the media institute that has recently (in September '24) launched a series of YouTube channels.


- 1) Indian Institute of Mass Communication
- 2) Apeejay Institute of Mass Communication
- 3) National Instructional Media Institute
- 4) India Today Media Institute
- 5) Xavier Institute of Communications

Answer- **3) National Instructional Media Institute**


Explanation:

On 12th September 2024, the **National Instructional Media Institute (NIMI)**, launched a series of **YouTube channels** under the Directorate General of Training (DGT) and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

- This digital initiative will provide high-quality training videos to millions of learners across India's Industrial Training Institute (ITI) skill ecosystem, available in nine languages.



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- NIMI's initiative aligns with India's National Skill Development Mission and the goals of the New Education Policy (NEP).

30. Where is the headquarters of the Institution of Engineers (India) (IEI) located?

- 1) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) Pune, Maharashtra

Answer- **4) Kolkata, West Bengal**

Explanation:

About the Institution of Engineers (India) (IEI):

IEI was established in 1920 and incorporated under the Royal Charter on September 9 1935 by King George V.

President – G Ranganath

Headquarters – Kolkata, West Bengal (WB)

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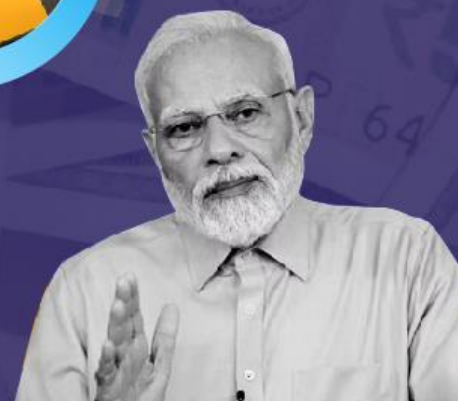
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No.Q. Collected	46	43
No.Q. Covered	41	38
Q.Covered in App Quiz	27	23
Q.Covered in Pocket Pdf	22	19
Q.Covered in Monthly Exam Pdf	17	17

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Feb 25.2024	Shift 1	Shift 2
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No. Indepth Questions	19	24
No. Indepth Covered	15	21
Indepth Covered in App Quiz	9	10
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MONTH - WISE STATS

Feb 25.2024	Shift 1	Shift 2
Total CA Q. asked	38	35
Q. asked - Feb 2024	2	4
Q. asked - Jan 2024	16	18
Q. asked - Dec 2023	5	2
Q. asked - Sept to Nov 2023	8	5
Q. asked from Jan to Aug 2023	7	6

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Feb 25.2024	Shift 1	Shift 2
Static Q. asked	8	8
Static Banking Q. asked	5	7
Static Banking Q. covered	5	6
Static GK Q. asked	3	1
Static GK Q. covered	3	-

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