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1. Which village in Jharkhand has become the first to be completely relocated from the core area of the Palamu Tiger Reserve?

- [A] Burha
- [B] Jaigir
- [C] Latehar
- [D] Betla

Correct Answer: B [Jaigir]

Years of efforts by Jharkhand forest officials have succeeded with Jaigir becoming the first village to be fully relocated outside the core area of Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR). Palamu Tiger Reserve is located in the western part of the Chotanagpur plateau and spreads across Latehar and Garhwa districts in Jharkhand. It covers a total area of 1,014 square kilometers, with 414 square kilometers as core and 600 square kilometers as buffer. It was among the first nine reserves established under 'Project Tiger', a conservation program launched in 1973 by the Government of India.

2. NAMASTE Scheme was jointly launched by which two ministries?

- [A] Ministry of Health and Ministry of Rural Development
- [B] Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Labour
- [C] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Urban Development and Ministry of Skill Development

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs]

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are now working together under the wastepickers component of the National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) Scheme. UNDP is providing financial support to State Project Management Units (PMUs) to strengthen the scheme's implementation. The NAMASTE Scheme was jointly launched by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in 2023 to protect the safety and dignity of sanitation workers. Its wastepicker component was launched in 2024 with the goal to digitally profile and register 2.5 lakh wastepickers across India. It also provides health insurance under Ayushman Bharat–Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), and offers skill development training.

3.Vizhinjam International Seaport, that was recently seen in news, is located in which state?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Karnataka

Correct Answer: A [Kerala]

The Prime Minister of India will officially inaugurate the Vizhinjam International Seaport in Kerala, marking a major milestone in global maritime connectivity for the state. Vizhinjam Port is located in Vizhinjam, a coastal town in Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala. It is India's first dedicated transshipment port and also the country's first semi-automated port. The port is built at a cost of about ₹8,900 crore under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model and is operated by the Adani Group, while the Kerala government holds the majority stake. It has the deepest breakwater in India, nearly three

kilometres long, with a natural draft of about 20 metres. The port features India's first home-built, Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered Vessel Traffic Management System, developed with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras.

4.Which organization has launched the Victims of Terrorism Advocacy Network (VoTAN) initiative?

- [A] United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- [B] United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)
- [C] United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)
- [D] United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

Correct Answer: C [United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)]

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) has recently launched VoTAN, which stands for Victims of Terrorism Advocacy Network, to support victims and survivors of terrorism worldwide. VoTAN is the result of efforts by the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism, co-chaired by Spain and Iraq, which was formed around six years ago to protect the rights of victims. This global network was a major outcome of the 2022 United Nations Global Congress on Victims of Terrorism. It aims to offer a safe platform for victims to connect, heal, build resilience, and act as educators, peacebuilders, and advocates. The network is financially supported by Spain.

5.Which badminton players received the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in May 2025?

- [A] P.V. Sindhu and Saina Nehwal
- [B] Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
- [C] Kidambi Srikanth and Lakshya Sen
- [D] Sameer Verma and Parupalli Kashyap

Correct Answer: B [Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty]

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty recently received the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award for their outstanding achievements in badminton. The pair reached the No. 1 rank in the Badminton World Federation rankings in 2023 and won the Asian Games gold medal in Hangzhou. The Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award was originally established as the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna in 1991–92 and renamed in 2021. It is India's highest sporting honour, given for the most exceptional performance by a sportsperson over the last four years. Only performances in recognized international events are eligible for consideration. The award includes a ₹25 lakh cash prize, a medal, and a certificate of honour, with typically one award given each year.

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