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1.Which state government has launched Deendayal Upadhyay Bhoomiheen Krishi Majdoor Kalyana Yojana?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Chhattisgarh
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Kerala

Correct Answer: B [Chhattisgarh]

Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai launched the 'Deendayal Upadhyay Bhoomiheen Krishi Majdoor Kalyana Yojana' in Raipur. More than 5.62 lakh landless agricultural labourers, including Baigas and Gunias, will get Rs 10,000 annually under the scheme. Rs 562 crores were disbursed to beneficiaries during the launch.

2.Vaigai River, which was seen in news, lies in which state?

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

Correct Answer: C [Tamil Nadu]

Madras High Court directed local bodies to submit an action plan to prevent pollution in the Vaigai River. Vaigai River originates from Varusanadu and Megamalai hills of the Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu.

It flows southeast through the Pandya Nadu region, rarely flooding, and drains into the Palk Strait near Pamban Bridge. The river is 258 km long, with a basin area of 7,741 sq. km entirely in Tamil Nadu. Vaigai is fed by the Periyar Dam in Kerala, with water diverted through a tunnel in the Western Ghats. Vaigai is mentioned in Sangam literature and is central to Madurai, the ancient Pandya kingdom's capital.

3. Who won men's and women's India Open 2025 Badminton titles respectively?

- [A] Viktor Axelsen and An Se-young
- [B] Lee Cheuk Yiu and Pornpawee Chochuwong
- [C] Goh Sze Fei and Arisa Igarashi
- [D] Nur Izzuddin and Kim Hye Jang

Correct Answer: A [Viktor Axelsen and An Se-young ]

The India Open 2025 badminton tournament concluded in New Delhi with outstanding performances. Viktor Axelsen of Denmark won his third India Open men's singles title, defeating Lee Cheuk Yiu of Hong Kong China 21-16, 21-8. Axelsen previously won the India Open in 2017 and 2019. An Se-young of South Korea dominated the women's singles final, defeating Thailand's Pornpawee Chochuwong 21-12, 21-9 in just 39 minutes. Both champions are Paris 2024 Olympic gold medalists, showcasing their world-class talent.

4. Which ministry has introduced the Diamond Imprest Authorization (DIA) Scheme?

- [A] Ministry of Mines
- [B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [C] Ministry of Finance
- [D] Ministry of Home Affairs

Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Commerce and Industry]

The Commerce Ministry introduced the Diamond Imprest Authorization (DIA) Scheme to boost India's diamond industry's global competitiveness. Effective from April 1, 2025, it allows duty-free import of natural cut and polished diamonds under ¼ carat for export purposes. The scheme mandates a 10% value addition export obligation. It supports MSME exporters by creating a level playing field with larger players. Inspired by diamond beneficiation policies in countries like Botswana, it aims to maintain India's global leadership in the diamond value chain.

5. Which Indian state is the host of 1st International Olympic Research Conference?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Karnataka

Correct Answer: C [Gujarat]

India is preparing to host the 2036 Olympics, focusing on sustainable sports infrastructure. The first International Olympic Research Conference will be held at Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat from January 27-30, 2025. Organized by the Indian Olympic Association, the event aims to address financial challenges and create a sustainable roadmap for hosting the Olympics.

6. Mount Ibu, which was seen in the news, is located in which country?

- [A] Indonesia
- [B] Vietnam
- [C] Malaysia
- [D] Egypt

Correct Answer: A [Indonesia]

Mount Ibu, a stratovolcano in Indonesia, has erupted frequently in January 2024. Stratovolcanoes are cone-shaped volcanoes built from layers of lava and ash. They are known for their explosive eruptions due to the thick, slow-moving lava. Mount Ibu is located in the Pacific Ring of Fire, a region of high volcanic activity. It is characterized by frequent eruptions, including lava flows and ash plumes.

7. Where was the Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) 2025 organized?

- [A] Assam and Arunachal Pradesh
- [B] Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir
- [C] New Delhi
- [D] Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh

Correct Answer: B [Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir]

Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the Khelo India Winter Games 2025 in Ladakh on 23 January. The event features 19 teams and includes ice hockey and skating contests. The second phase, focusing on snow sports, will be in Jammu and Kashmir from February 22-25. Ladakh is hosting for the second time, with 594 participants, including 428 athletes. The events will be broadcast live on Doordarshan Sports.

8. The Mannan community is primarily found in which state?

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

Correct Answer: C [Kerala]

Raman Rajamannan, the tribal king of the Mannan community in Kerala, will participate in the Republic Day parade in Delhi. The Mannan community is a Scheduled Tribe (ST) in Kerala and the only tribal dynasty with a kingship in South India. Their language is a Tamil

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dialect without a script, reflecting strong Tamil cultural ties. They follow a matrilineal descent system, elect their king, and practice Hinduism. Main occupations include agriculture, and festivals include Kalavoot, Meenoot, and Mutthiamman. Mannankoothu is their unique ritual art form performed during worship, harvest, and weddings.

9. Which institution has been awarded the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar for 2025?

- [A] Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)
- [B] Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)
- [C] National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)
- [D] Geological Survey of India (GSI)

Correct Answer: A [Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)]

Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad has been awarded the prestigious Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar for 2025 in the Institutional Category. This award recognizes INCOIS's significant contributions to disaster management in India, particularly in tsunami early warning, cyclone forecasting, and coastal risk mitigation. INCOIS operates the Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC), recognized globally by UNESCO. The organization has developed innovative tools like SARAT and SynOPS to enhance disaster response capabilities. This award highlights India's advancements in disaster management and the crucial role of institutions like INCOIS in safeguarding lives and livelihoods.

10. What is the rank of India in the Global Firepower Index 2025?

- [A] First
- [B] Second
- [C] Third
- [D] Fourth

Correct Answer: D [Fourth]

India has been ranked as the 4th most powerful military in the world according to the Global Firepower Index 2025. The top 3 countries are United States of America, Russia and China. Bhutan ranked lowest at 145th, while Pakistan dropped from 9th to 12th position. The top four countries' rankings remain unchanged from 2024. The Global Firepower Index compares 145 countries military power based on their war-making capabilities and excludes a country's nuclear weapon capability.

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