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1. BrahMos NG missile is jointly developed by India and which country?

- [A] Russia
- [B] China
- [C] Australia
- [D] Japan

Correct Answer: A [Russia]

BrahMos NG, the next-generation supersonic cruise missile, will have its first flight test in 2026, with production starting in 2027-28. It is jointly developed by India and Russia. It is lighter, smaller, and more compact than its predecessor. It weighs 1.6 tonnes and is 6 metres long, compared to the older 3-tonne, 9-metre version. It has a 290 km range and 3.5 Mach speed. It will be deployed on Sukhoi-30MKI and LCA Tejas.

2. What is the name of the scheme launched by the Anusandhan National Research Foundation for senior Indian scientists?

- [A] J. C. Bose Grant scheme
- [B] INSPIRE Fellowship scheme
- [C] Raman Research Fellowship scheme
- [D] Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Fellowship scheme

Correct Answer: A [J. C. Bose Grant scheme]

Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) launched the J. C. Bose Grant (JBG) scheme. It is a restructured version of the J. C. Bose Fellowship under the former Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB). The grant recognizes senior Indian scientists and engineers for their outstanding contributions. It supports senior-level researchers with proven excellence in publications, patents, technology transfers, awards, and grants. It covers multiple fields, including science, technology, agriculture, medicine, humanities, and social sciences at the interface of S&T.

3. What type of disease is Sudan Virus Disease that was recently seen in news?

- [A] Bacterial infection
- [B] Viral hemorrhagic fever
- [C] Fungal infection
- [D] Autoimmune disorder

Correct Answer: B [Viral hemorrhagic fever]

Uganda and WHO confirmed an outbreak of Sudan Virus Disease (SVD). It is a viral hemorrhagic fever, related to Ebola, caused by the Sudan virus (SUDV). It was first identified in Sudan in 1976. It exists in animal reservoirs in the region. It has a high fatality rate and spreads through direct contact with bodily fluids or contaminated surfaces. Symptoms start with fever, fatigue, and sore throat, followed by vomiting, diarrhea, rash, and bleeding. There are no approved treatments or vaccines, but early supportive care improves survival chances.

4. Jotham Napat has been elected as prime minister of which country in February 2025?

[A] Papua New Guinea

[B] Fiji

[C] Vanuatu

[D] Tonga

Correct Answer: C [Vanuatu]

Jotham Napat was elected as Vanuatu's Prime Minister unopposed. His nomination was proposed by Charlot Salwai, a former Prime Minister. Vanuatu is an island nation in the South Pacific, located east of Australia and west of Fiji.

5. Which city is the host of first-ever Regional Dialogue on Social Justice?

[A] Hyderabad

[B] Chennai

[C] New Delhi

[D] Chandigarh

Correct Answer: C [New Delhi]

The first-ever Regional Dialogue on Social Justice will be held on February 24-25 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. It is organized by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Employers' Federation of India (EFI). It supports the Global Coalition for Social Justice, launched by the ILO in 2023. India is leading the Asia Pacific Group in promoting responsible businesses for inclusive societies.

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