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- 1. Mount Makalu, that was recently seen in news, lies on the border between which two regions?
- [A] India and Nepal
- [B] Nepal and Tibet
- [C] India and Bhutan
- [D] Bhutan and China

Correct Answer: B [Nepal and Tibet]

The Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) recently scaled Mt. Makalu, the fifth highest mountain in the world. Mt. Makalu stands at 8,485 meters above sea level and is located in the Mahalangur range of the Nepal Himalayas on the Nepal-Tibet border. It lies 23 kilometers southeast of Mount Everest and is part of the Makalu Barun National Park. The mountain is famous for its pyramid-like shape with sharp ridges and includes two subsidiary peaks, Makalu I and Makalu II.

2. Where was the first National Mediation Conference 2025 inaugurated?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Mumbai
- [C] Hyderabad
- [D] Chennai

Correct Answer: A [New Delhi]



The President of India recently launched the Mediation Association of India and addressed the First National Mediation Conference 2025 in New Delhi. This event highlights the importance of the Mediation Act, 2023, which aims to revive India's civilisational legacy of resolving disputes peacefully. The Act promotes out-of-court settlements and builds a structured system for mediation across the country. It encourages extending mediation to rural areas by legally empowering Panchayats to resolve village conflicts. This step supports social harmony, which is key to national strength and unity. Mediation reduces court burdens, speeds up justice, and strengthens the judicial system. It also boosts the ease of doing business and ease of living, helping in the journey towards Viksit Bharat by 2047.

3. Solar Energy Corporation of India is under the administrative control of which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Power
- [B] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- [C] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [D] Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

Correct Answer: D [Ministry of New and Renewable Energy]

Reliance NU Suntech recently signed a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement with the Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) to build Asia's largest single-location integrated solar and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project. SECI is a Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), dedicated to expanding Renewable Energy (RE) in India. SECI was formed in 2011 as a not-for-profit company and later became a commercial entity in 2015. It was established to support the National Solar Mission and has Miniratna Category-I status. SECI acts as the main agency for implementing solar, wind, and hybrid energy projects across India. It also helps fulfill India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by inviting developers through tenders for RE projects.



4. Which city is the host of Yoga Mahotsav 2025?

[A] Indore, Madhya Pradesh

[B] Jaipur, Rajasthan

[C] Nashik, Maharashtra

[D] Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: C [Nashik, Maharashtra]

Maharashtra's Nashik hosts the 'Yoga Mahotsav 2025' as part of the countdown to International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025. It was organised by Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (Ayush). The event took place at Gauri Maidan, Panchavati, celebrating India's Yoga heritage and launching the Yoga Sangam Portal for online registrations. Yoga Sangam is a major initiative under International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025 to enable synchronized Yoga practice at 1,00,000 locations across India on June 21. The event promoted the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP), focusing on practices like Pranayama and Dhyana to improve health and harmony.

5. Ramman Festival is celebrated in which state?

[A] Uttarakhand

[B] Assam

[C] Odisha

[D] Himachal Pradesh

Correct Answer: A [Uttarakhand]

The Ramman Festival, inscribed in the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, is celebrated in Uttarakhand. It takes place annually in late April, after the harvest season, in the twin villages of Saloor-Dungra. The festival honours Bhumiyal Devta, the village's tutelary deity, and holds deep religious significance. The celebration includes complex rituals such as the recitation of a version of the epic of Rama, songs, and masked



dances. A key feature is the singing of Jagar, a musical performance that narrates local legends.

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