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1. Where was the Global Technology Summit (GTS) 2025 held?

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

Correct Answer: A [New Delhi]

The 9th Global Technology Summit was inaugurated in New Delhi by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar on 10 April 2025. It is a three-day event from 10 to 12 April and is India's main platform to discuss geo-technology. The Global Technology Summit brings together leaders from government, industry, academia, and civil society from India and other countries. They discuss how technology is changing and how it affects global politics. The summit aims to build a shared approach that supports innovation while addressing everyone's concerns. The theme of this edition is "Sambhavna," which means possibility.

2. What is the name of the mission launched by the Government in 2025 to enhance self-reliance in the critical minerals sector?

- [A] National Mineral Conservation Mission
- [B] National Critical Mineral Mission
- [C] Clean Energy Minerals Initiative
- [D] None of the Above

Correct Answer: B [National Critical Mineral Mission]

The Government of India launched the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) in 2025 to reduce import dependence and promote self-reliance in critical minerals. The mission supports India's clean energy goals by ensuring a steady supply of key raw materials. Critical minerals are important for making modern technologies like batteries, electronics, and renewable energy systems. These minerals are also vital for national security and economic development. They are called "critical" because their supply is limited or controlled by few countries, creating risks. Their importance can change over time based on new technologies and global supply-demand shifts.

3. According to recent study in Madagascar, which species was identified as the exclusive carrier of the Hantavirus?

- [A] Black rat
- [B] Fruit bat
- [C] Mosquitofish
- [D] Bull frog

Correct Answer: A [Black rat]

A study in Madagascar found that hantavirus is carried only by black rats, also called *Rattus rattus*, in rural areas. These rats came from Asia and were introduced to Madagascar between the 10th and 14th centuries, spreading widely since then. Researchers tested around 2,000 animals, but no native rodents, bats, or other small animals had the virus. Hantavirus is a rare but deadly virus spread by infected rodents. It transmits through contact with rodent urine, feces, or saliva, mainly through air particles or direct contact. Human-to-human spread is extremely rare, so environmental exposure is the key risk.

4. Rafale-M (Marine) Fighter Jets have been acquired from which country?

- [A] Russia
- [B] China

- [C] Japan
- [D] France

Correct Answer: D [France]

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), led by the Prime Minister, approved a ₹63,000-crore deal to buy 26 Rafale-M fighter jets from France for the Indian Navy. Earlier, India planned to buy 126 jets under the Medium Multi-Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA) tender in 2007, but it was cancelled in 2015. A 2016 deal brought 36 Rafale jets for the Indian Air Force (IAF), delivered from 2019 to 2022. The new deal includes 22 Rafale-M single-seater jets for aircraft carriers and 4 twin-seater trainers for practice. These jets will fly from INS Vikramaditya and INS Vikrant. Rafale is a 4.5 generation, twin-engine, delta-wing, multirole fighter made by Dassault Aviation. It can fly at Mach 1.8 and has a combat range of over 1000 kilometers, useful for various missions like air combat, ground attacks, and naval strikes.

5. Which state is the host of National Tribal Youth Festival 2025?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Manipur
- [C] Mizoram
- [D] Nagaland

Correct Answer: C [Mizoram]

The National Tribal Youth Festival is celebrated in Mizoram at the State Tribal Resource Centre, Kelsih, near Aizawl, starting from April 8. It is a four-day festival held to mark the 150th birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda. The festival aims to honour tribal heroes and inspire patriotism among the youth and the general public. Top Mizo artists and members of the Mizo Zaimi Insuikhawm (MZI) are performing at the event. Cultural shows by the Mizo Cultural Organisation and other groups showcase a “Mosaic of

Cultures.” Artists like Imnainla Jamir from Nagaland and Vawunchawi Vaiphei from Manipur are also part of the celebrations.

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