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India Current Affairs [Nation & States] MCQs

1. National Investigation Agency (NIA) functions under which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Defence
- [C] Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Finance

Answer: Ministry of Home Affairs

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) announced a 100% conviction rate for 2024, convicting 68 individuals in 25 high-profile cases. The NIA arrested 210 individuals across 80 cases, with 28 involving Left Wing Extremism and 18 related to North East insurgency. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) was established in 2008 after the Mumbai terror attacks to combat terrorism. The agency operates under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, with its headquarters in New Delhi, led by the Director-General.

2. Vav-Tharad has been approved as a new district of which state recently?

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Rajasthan
- [D] Uttarakhand

Answer: Gujarat

The Gujarat government approved the creation of Vav-Tharad district by bifurcating Banaskantha district. The new district will have its headquarters in Tharad town. This raises the total number of districts in Gujarat to 34. The decision was made during a cabinet meeting led by Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. The move addresses a longstanding public demand and aims to improve administrative efficiency.

3. Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) comes under which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [B] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- [D] Ministry of Defence

Answer: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation

(CDSCO) and the Drugs Control Directorate, West Bengal, seized spurious drugs worth ₹6.6 crore in a Kolkata raid. The owner of the wholesale firm was arrested in connection with the case. CDSCO is India's National Regulatory Authority (NRA) for the medical devices industry. It operates under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and enforces the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules. The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) heads the CDSCO. CDSCO's headquarters are in New Delhi.

4. Which state government recently launched 15-Day campaign to promote reading culture among students?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Maharashtra

Answer: Maharashtra

Maharashtra launched a 15-day campaign from January 1 to promote reading among students. Higher and Technical Education Minister Chandrakant Patil announced the initiative. Students are encouraged to read books beyond their textbooks. Colleges and universities will organize events like group reading, storytelling, book discussions, workshops, and competitions. A government resolution outlines campaign details and mandates its annual observance in January. Committees at various levels will ensure effective implementation statewide. Final winners of activities will be honored at a special event.

5. The Territorial Army recently established a new task force for rejuvenation and protection of which river?

- [A] Gomti
- [B] Gandak
- [C] Kosi
- [D] Son

Answer: Gomti

The Territorial Army has formed a new task force to rejuvenate and protect the Gomti River. Gomti River is a tributary of the Ganga, flowing entirely through Uttar Pradesh. It originates from Gomat Taal (Fulhaar Jheel) in Pilibhit district. The river



flows through Lucknow, Barabanki, Sultanpur, Faizabad, and Jaunpur before joining the Ganga. It stretches about 900 km and drains a basin of approximately 18,750 square km. The Gomti is a perennial river, providing continuous water flow throughout the year.

6. What is the name of initiative launched by Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation (MBMC), Maharashtra to empower women entrepreneurs?

- [A] Udyog Sakhi
- [B] Faral Sakhi
- [C] Mahila Udyam
- [D] Aasha Sakhi

Answer: Faral Sakhi

Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation (MBMC) launched the 'Faral Sakhi' initiative to empower women entrepreneurs in Mira Bhayandar, Maharashtra. It focuses on training women in traditional snack production to build sustainable ventures. MBMC collaborates with NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) under the 'Award to Reward' program. 'Faral Sakhi' set up a central kitchen, enabling SHG women to produce and sell snacks professionally, with municipal support for sales and advertising. The initiative aims to create sustainable employment and inspire societal transformation.

7. Hathidah Durgawati Pumped Storage Project (PSP), which was seen in news, is associated with which state?

- [A] Bihar
- [B] Jharkhand
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Gujarat

Answer: Bihar

SJVN Ltd, formerly known as Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited, signed an MoU with the Bihar Government to develop the 1000 MW Hathidah Durgawati Pumped Storage Project (PSP) in Kaimur district, Bihar. The project will generate 2,308.65 million units annually and cost ₹5,663 crore. It will create around 5,000 jobs and boost Bihar's renewable energy and storage capabilities. SJVN plans to invest ₹10,000 crore for PSP development in Bihar. Four PSPs were

allocated to SJVN, with Hathidah Durgawati prioritized for its viability. SJVN is also developing 12,000 MW of PSPs across other states to support India's renewable energy goals.

8. Which state government launched the Sikhya Daat Project to educate prisoners?

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Haryana
- [C] Punjab
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Punjab

Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University and Punjab's Prison Department launched the "Sikhya Daat" program to provide higher education to jail inmates. The program aims to enhance inmates' mental development and enable future economic self-reliance. Punjab Jails Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar distributed appointment letters to 15 newly recruited teachers, marking the first regular hiring in 30 years. These teachers will educate prisoners and their children, aiding their reintegration into society.

9. What is the name of the digital platform used by CAG to improve transparency and accountability in public spending?

- [A] Digital Transparency Toolkit (DTT)
- [B] Public Spending Analyzer (PSA)
- [C] Open Data Kit (ODK)
- [D] None of the Above

Answer: Open Data Kit (ODK)

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) is using the Open Data Kit (ODK) platform to enhance transparency and accountability in public spending. ODK is a secure digital platform for designing, collecting, and managing data. It is integrated with CAG's Operating System (OIOS) and provides end-to-end encryption. The platform helps identify problem areas and launch multilingual surveys. Beneficiary surveys support audit planning and evidence collection. ODK was used to assess patient satisfaction and audit the performance of AIIMS Mangalagiri and AIIMS Bibinagar.

10. Polavaram irrigation project is built on which river?



- [A] Narmada
- [B] Krishna
- [C] Kaveri
- [D] Godavari

Answer: Godavari

Telangana government engaged IIT-Hyderabad experts to study the Polavaram project's impact on the Godavari River. The Polavaram Project is a multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in Andhra Pradesh. It aims to address water scarcity, boost agriculture, and generate power. The dam spans 1.2 km, with 48 radial gates and a spillway designed to withstand massive floods. The project aims to develop 4.36 lakh ha of irrigation, generate 960 MW of power, supply water to 28.5 lakh people, and divert 80 TMC water to the Krishna basin.

11. Banihal Bypass, which was seen in news, is located in which state/UT?

- [A] Sikkim
- [B] Assam
- [C] Jammu and Kashmir
- [D] Himachal Pradesh

Answer: Jammu and Kashmir

The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways announces the completion of the 2.35 km Banihal Bypass on NH-44 in Jammu & Kashmir. Built at a cost of ₹224.44 crore, it is a four-lane bypass addressing traffic bottlenecks in Banihal town. The bypass eliminates congestion caused by roadside markets and shops, ensuring smoother traffic flow. It significantly reduces travel time for tourists and defense vehicles heading to the Kashmir Valley.

12. Which ministry launched the Sashakt Beti and e-Drishti initiatives?

- [A] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Education
- [C] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Defence

Answer: Ministry of Education

Union Minister of Education launched Sashakt Beti and e-Drishti projects at the University of Delhi's Samarpan Samaroh event. Project Sashakt Beti empowers orphaned and single-parent female students with family incomes

under ₹4 lakh by providing laptops. Project e-Drishti supports visually impaired students by providing tablets to improve their learning and research capabilities.

13. Prime Minister of India recently laid the foundation stone of Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI) in which city?

- [A] Hyderabad
- [B] Jaipur
- [C] Delhi
- [D] Bhopal

Answer: Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI) building in Rohini, Delhi. The state-of-the-art facility spans 2.92 acres, costs ₹187 crore, and will be completed in 30 months. The institute will include a 100-bed research hospital with advanced clinical research, education, and treatment facilities. The project supports the "Heal in India" initiative and aims to make India a global health and wellness hub. CARI, established in 1979, focuses on Ayurvedic research, particularly in preventive cardiology.

14. Which ministry introduced the special category visas, 'e-student visa' and 'e-student-x visa'?

- [A] Ministry of External Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Education
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Skill Development

Answer: Ministry of Home Affairs

The Ministry of Home Affairs introduced two special visas: 'e-student visa' and 'e-student-x visa' for international students. The 'e-student visa' is for foreign nationals admitted to full-time programs in India, while the 'e-student-x visa' is for their dependents. Both visas are available for students registered on the Study in India (SII) portal and are valid for up to five years. The SII portal offers access to over 600 institutions and 8,000 courses across various disciplines, supporting higher education in India.

15. What is the name of the new portal launched by government for real-time police



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