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**1. Who hosted the latest round of global plastic treaty negotiations in Ottawa, and what were the key issues discussed during the talks?**

- A. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- B. Government of Canada
- C. World Trade Organization (WTO)
- D. USA

**Answer: B**

The Government of Canada hosted the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-4) in Ottawa, where representatives from around the world discussed measures to combat plastic pollution, including reducing plastic production, promoting recycling, and enforcing global regulations.

**2. Which regulatory body imposed penalties on cooperative banks based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance?**

- A. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- B. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- C. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- D. Ministry of Finance

**Answer: B**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is the central regulatory authority responsible for ensuring compliance in the banking sector, including cooperative banks. It monitors banking practices and imposes penalties when deficiencies in compliance, such as inadequate risk management or violation of banking norms, are identified. This step strengthens the overall banking system and ensures accountability.

IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India): IRDAI governs the insurance industry, ensuring fair practices and compliance in that sector.

SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India): SEBI regulates the securities market and investor-related activities. It does not oversee banking operations.

**3. During the Nepal Investment Summit 2024 held in Kathmandu, which group and company signed an agreement to establish a data center?**

- A. BLC Group and Yotta Data Services Pvt. Ltd.
- B. Nepal Telecom and HCL Technologies
- C. Patan Industrial Group and Wipro Ltd.
- D. Gorkha Business Group and Tata Consultancy Services

**Answer: A**

At the Nepal Investment Summit 2024 in Kathmandu, BLC Group collaborated with Yotta Data Services Pvt. Ltd. to establish a cutting-edge data center in Nepal. This partnership aims to improve the digital infrastructure of the country, enhance data storage solutions, and support the growing IT needs of the region.

**4. Recently, which indigenous ship of the Indian Navy participated in the maritime partnership exercise with the Royal Navy's 'RFA Argus' and 'RFA Lyme Bay'?**

- A. INS Vikrant
- B. INS Sahyadri
- C. INS Sindhurakshak
- D. INS Sindhuvijay

**Answer: B**

The INS Sahyadri, a Shivalik-class stealth multi-role frigate of the Indian Navy, participated in a maritime partnership exercise with the Royal Navy's RFA Argus and RFA Lyme Bay. This exercise aimed to strengthen interoperability and cooperation between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy, focusing on maritime security and operational readiness.

INS Vikrant: India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, primarily used for advanced naval operations.

**5. Consider the following statements regarding Earth Day:**

- 1. The first Earth Day was observed in April 1970, in the United States to raise awareness about environmental issues.
- 2. Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22 and is coordinated globally by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

**Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?**

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: A**

The first statement is correct as Earth Day was first observed on April 22, 1970, in the U.S. and played a crucial role in environmental awareness. The second statement is incorrect because Earth Day is coordinated by EARTHDAY.ORG, not UNEP.

6. Who was appointed as the first female Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU)?

- A. Naima Khatun                      B. Parveen Talha  
C. Najma Hussain                    D. Bibi Khadija

**Answer: A**

Naeema Khatoon has been appointed the first woman Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), a historic move. Her selection is an important milestone for the university, a major step towards equality in leadership and women's empowerment. Naeema Khatoon is a renowned educationist who has made significant contributions in the field of education. The ministry issued a notification regarding her appointment after President Draupadi Murmu approved her name. She will hold the post for a term of five years from the date of assuming office or till she attains the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier. This is a positive step towards equal opportunities in the field of education.

7. Where was the Global Education and Training Exhibition (GETEX) 2024 held?

- A. UAE                                      B. Oman  
C. Iran                                        D. India

**Answer: A**

The Global Education and Training Exhibition (GETEX) 2024 was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). This exhibition serves as a major platform for educational institutions, training providers, and universities from around the world to showcase their offerings and connect with potential students. GETEX is an important event for those interested in advancing their education and career development, particularly in the Middle East region.

8. In which state is the Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary, recently in the news, located?

- A. Punjab                                    B. Haryana  
C. Uttarakhand                            D. Himachal Pradesh

**Answer: B**

Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary, established in 1996, is located in Yamunanagar district, Haryana, at the foothills of the Shivalik range. It is known for its rich biodiversity and dense Sal forests. The sanctuary is home to leopards, elephants, deer, hyenas, bears, and various bird species. It is ecologically significant as it is connected to Rajaji National Park (Uttarakhand) and Simbalwada Wildlife Sanctuary (Himachal Pradesh), forming an important wildlife corridor. Recently, it has been in the news due to conservation efforts and measures to curb illegal deforestation.

9. With whom has the Telecommunications Research and Development Centre (C-DOT) signed an agreement for the use of AI in automated service management for 5G and beyond networks?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi  
B. Indian Institute of Technology, Patna  
C. Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur  
D. Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur

**Answer: D**

C-DOT has entered into a partnership with IIT Jodhpur to integrate AI for automating service management in 5G and beyond communication networks. This collaboration is part of India's push towards advancing its digital infrastructure by leveraging AI to optimise network performance, enhance automation, and improve service quality. The goal is to create intelligent networks that can autonomously manage increasing data traffic and complex service demands, improving efficiency and customer experience. The partnership is expected to accelerate the development of next-generation network technologies, particularly for critical sectors like telecommunications and IoT.

10. Who was awarded the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year 2024 at the Laureus Sports Awards ceremony?

- A. Virat Kohli                              B. Novak Djokovic  
C. Cristiano Ronaldo                    D. Roger Federer

**Answer: B**

Novak Djokovic was awarded the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year 2024 for his remarkable achievements in tennis, including winning major Grand Slam titles and breaking several records. Djokovic's consistency, resilience, and excellence on the court have solidified his place among the greatest athletes of all time. His recognition at the Laureus Awards further highlights his dominance in the sport and his impact on tennis worldwide.

11. Who launched India's first private sub-meter resolution surveillance satellite?

- A. Tata Advanced Systems Limited  
B. Kite Aerospace  
C. Anicool Cosmos  
D. ISRO

**Answer: A**

India's first private sub-meter resolution surveillance satellite was launched by Tata Advanced Systems Limited. This satellite aims to provide high-resolution imagery for applications such as defence, environmental monitoring, and urban planning. The satellite's ability to capture detailed images at a sub-meter resolution marks a significant advancement in India's private space capabilities. It represents an important milestone in the growing role of private companies in the country's space sector.

**12. On 22nd April 2024, with which country did India sign an agreement on cooperation in civil service and human resource development?**

- A. France                      B. Japan  
C. Vietnam                    D. Cambodia

**Answer: D**

On 22 April 2024, India signed an agreement with Cambodia to enhance cooperation in the areas of civil service and human resource development. This agreement aims to promote capacity building, skill development, and sharing of best practices between the two countries to strengthen governance and improve the efficiency of civil services.

**13. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate the 2550th Mahavira Nirvana Mahotsav?**

- A. Patna                      B. Kushinagar  
C. Valabhi                    D. New Delhi

**Answer: D**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 2550th Mahavira Nirvana Mahotsav in New Delhi. This event marked a significant celebration of Lord Mahavir's life and teachings, and the occasion was attended by various dignitaries and Jain community leaders. The festival commemorates the Nirvana (enlightenment) of Lord Mahavir, the 24th Tirthankara of Jainism, who is regarded for his principles of non-violence and truth.

**14. The Tons River, recently in the news, is the largest and most important tributary of which river?**

- A. Ganga River              B. Yamuna River  
C. Godavari River          D. Narmada River

**Answer: B**

The Tons River is the largest and most significant tributary of the Yamuna River in North India. It primarily flows through Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh before merging with the Yamuna in Uttar Pradesh. The river originates from the Bandarpunch Range in Himachal Pradesh. It is known for its fast currents, deep valleys, and ecological significance. Recently, the Tons River was in the news due to environmental concerns and hydroelectric projects impacting its ecosystem. Major Tributaries: Rupin, Supin

**15. In which state is the Gangaur festival, recently in the news, celebrated?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh              B. Madhya Pradesh  
C. Rajasthan                  D. Gujarat

**Answer: C**

Gangaur Festival is primarily celebrated in Rajasthan, though it is also observed in parts of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and other states. The festival is dedicated to Goddess Gauri (Parvati) and Lord Shiva and is especially significant for women. Married women pray for their husbands' long lives, while unmarried girls seek a suitable match by observing fasts. It starts the day after Holi in the Hindu month of Chaitra (March-April) and continues for 16 days. Cities like Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, and Bikaner witness grand processions, traditional performances, and religious rituals.

**16. Where was the 16th World Future Energy Summit 2024 held?**

- A. Saudi Arabia              B. Norway  
C. United Arab Emirates    D. India

**Answer: C**

The 16th World Future Energy Summit 2024 took place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. This summit is a significant event focused on energy, sustainability, and the future of clean energy technologies. It brings together global leaders, innovators, and experts in the field to discuss solutions to the world's energy challenges and to promote sustainability.

**17. In which country did the recent eruption of the 'Mount Agung' volcano occur?**

- A. Indonesia                  B. Malaysia  
C. Philippines                D. Canada

**Answer: A**

The eruption of the 'Mount Agung' volcano occurred in Indonesia. Indonesia is located on the Pacific Ring of Fire, which is known for its frequent volcanic activity. Mount Agung is one of the many active volcanoes in the region that poses a significant risk to the surrounding communities.

**18. Recently, Kathiya Wheat from which state has been granted a GI (Geographical Indication) tag?**

- A. Punjab                      B. Rajasthan  
C. Uttar Pradesh              D. Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: C**

Kathiya Wheat is a hard wheat variety grown in Uttar Pradesh that has recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. It is known for its high protein content, deep colour, and strong texture. Due to its high gluten levels, it is primarily used in making pasta, bread, and macaroni. The GI tag will help boost exports and provide a unique identity to this variety in the global market. Uttar Pradesh is also one of India's leading agricultural states, known for producing diverse crops.





**19. In April 2024, which state implemented the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in India?**

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Assam

**Answer: A**

Uttarakhand became the first state in India to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in April 2024. The UCC aims to replace personal laws based on religion with a common set of laws governing marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption. This move is seen as a step toward ensuring equality and justice for all citizens.

**20. Which country has become the first in the world to develop the 'Men5CV' vaccine for meningitis?**

- A. India
- B. Canada
- C. Germany
- D. Nigeria

**Answer: D**

Nigeria has become the first country in the world to develop the 'Men5CV' vaccine for meningitis. This vaccine is a significant breakthrough in the fight against meningitis, especially in regions prone to meningitis outbreaks. It is designed to protect against five different strains of meningitis, significantly improving public health safety in the affected regions.

**21. Which country has supplied the Indian Army with the 24 IL-SS Man Portable Air Defence System (MANPADS)?**

- A. France
- B. Japan
- C. Russia
- D. Israel

**Answer: C**

Russia has supplied the Indian Army with the 24 IL-SS Man Portable Air Defence System (MANPADS). This advanced system is designed to enhance India's defense capabilities against aerial threats, offering improved protection for ground forces. The system is portable and can be operated by a single soldier, making it highly effective in combat situations.

**22. After which former Prime Minister did Prime Minister Narendra Modi become the second Indian Prime Minister to appear on the cover of an American weekly magazine, NEWSWEEK?**

- A. Indira Gandhi
- B. Jawaharlal Nehru
- C. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- D. Lal Bahadur Shastri

**Answer: A**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the second Indian Prime Minister after Indira Gandhi to appear on the cover of an American magazine. Modi's appearance on the cover highlights his international recognition and influence, marking a significant milestone in India's global political presence.

**23. The 5th edition of the joint military exercise 'Dustlik' is being conducted between which two countries?**

- A. India and Uzbekistan
- B. India and Kyrgyzstan
- C. India and Oman
- D. India and France

**Answer: A**

Location: The 'Dustlik' exercise is conducted alternately in India and Uzbekistan. India and Kyrgyzstan: The joint military exercise between India and Kyrgyzstan is called "Khanjar," focusing on counter-terrorism and high-altitude warfare. India and Oman: India and Oman conduct a joint naval exercise named "Naseem-Al-Bahr," aimed at enhancing maritime security. India and France: The joint military exercise between India and France is known as "Shakti," focusing on counter-terrorism operations and interoperability between the armies. This comprehensive engagement through 'Dustlik' emphasises India and Uzbekistan's shared commitment to regional security and cooperation.

**24. India has acquired the right to operate the 'Sittwe Port.' In which country is this port located?**

- A. Myanmar
- B. Iran
- C. Japan
- D. Sri Lanka

**Answer: A**

Sittwe Port is located in Myanmar and is a key part of the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project, initiated by India. This port is strategically significant as it provides India with a direct route to northeastern states through the Bay of Bengal, bypassing the Siliguri Corridor (Chicken's Neck). The project aims to enhance trade and connectivity between India and Southeast Asia, promoting regional development and reducing transportation costs.

**25. The "Global Unicorn Index 2024" is published by which organization?**

- A. World Economic Forum
- B. Global Outlook
- C. Hurun Institute
- D. World Bank

**Answer: C**

The "Global Unicorn Index 2024" is published by the Hurun Research Institute (Headquarters\$ – Shanghai, China). This index lists privately held startup companies valued at over \$1 billion, known as unicorns. The report highlights global trends in innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic growth by analyzing the presence and distribution of unicorns across various countries and industries.





**26. Which private bank became the first in India to open a branch in Lakshadweep?**

- A. Kotak Mahindra Bank
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. State Bank of India
- D. Axis Bank

**Answer: B**

HDFC Bank has become the first private bank in India to open a branch in Lakshadweep. This initiative aims to provide comprehensive banking and financial services to the residents and businesses in the Union Territory. The move marks a significant step in promoting financial inclusion in remote and underserved areas of the country. HDFC Bank's branch will cater to personal and business banking needs, including deposits, loans, and digital banking services, helping boost the local economy.

**27. Which of the following statements about National Civil Services Day in India is correct?**

- A. It is celebrated to honor the contribution of civil servants to public service.
- B. It marks the adoption of the Indian Constitution.
- C. It was first observed in 1992 after the introduction of the Panchayati Raj system.
- D. It is observed globally under the United Nations.

**Answer: A**

National Civil Services Day is observed on April 21 each year to recognize the contributions of civil servants in public administration and encourage them to continue their dedicated service to the nation.

**28. The Navreh Festival dedicated to Goddess Sharika was recently celebrated in which state?**

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Assam
- C. Kerala
- D. Rajasthan

**Answer: A**

The Navreh Festival, dedicated to Goddess Sharika, was recently celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir. Navreh is considered the Kashmiri Pandit New Year and holds immense cultural and spiritual significance for the Kashmiri Pandit community. The festival marks the onset of the new year in the lunar calendar and is associated with the blessings of Goddess Sharika, considered the presiding deity of Srinagar. It is celebrated with great devotion and includes traditional rituals, prayers, and feasts.

**29. Which Indian space mission, launched, aims to study the Sun's corona and solar winds?**

- A. Aditya-L1
- B. Chandrayaan-4
- C. Mangalyaan-2
- D. Gaganyaan-1

**Answer: A**

Aditya-L1 is India's first dedicated solar mission, launched. It aims to study the Sun's corona, solar emissions, and solar winds. The mission is positioned at Lagrange Point 1 (L1), approximately 1.5 million kilometers from Earth, providing a continuous view of the Sun. This mission is a significant step in understanding space weather and its impact on Earth.

**30. Which country won the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup?**

- A. India
- B. Australia
- C. England
- D. South Africa

**Answer: A**

India won the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup, defeating South Africa in the final. This victory marked India's second T20 World Cup title, with the first being in 2007. The tournament showcased exceptional performances by Indian players, particularly in batting and bowling, solidifying India's dominance in international cricket.

**31. Which country became the most populous nation in the world, surpassing China?**

- A. India
- B. United States
- C. Indonesia
- D. Brazil

**Answer: A**

India officially became the most populous nation in the world, surpassing China. With a population of over 1.4 billion, India now faces challenges and opportunities related to demographic growth, including employment, education, and healthcare.

**32. Which organization released the "World Economic Outlook Report"?**

- A. World Bank
- B. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C. World Trade Organization (WTO)
- D. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Answer: B**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released the "World Economic Outlook Report" in April 2024. The report highlighted global economic growth projections, inflation trends, and the impact of geopolitical tensions on the world economy. It emphasized the need for coordinated policy actions to address economic challenges.

**33. Which country became the first to legalize the use of AI in judicial decision-making in April 2024?**

- A. United States                      B. China
- C. Estonia                              D. Singapore

**Answer: C**

Estonia became the first country to legalize the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in judicial decision-making in April 2024. The move aims to streamline court processes and reduce the backlog of cases, while ensuring transparency and accountability in AI-driven decisions.

**34. Who was appointed as the new Chief of the Indian Navy in April 2024?**

- A. Admiral R. Hari Kumar
- B. Admiral Dinesh Tripathi
- C. Admiral Karambir Singh
- D. Admiral Sunil Lanba

**Answer: B**

Admiral Dinesh Tripathi took charge as the 26th Chief of the Indian Navy in April 2024. He emphasized modernization and indigenization of naval equipment under the "Make in India" initiative.

**35. Which country hosted the G20 Summit in April 2024?**

- A. Brazil                                  B. Italy
- C. South Africa                      D. India

**Answer: A**

Brazil hosted the G20 Summit in April 2024, focusing on climate finance, digital governance, and food security. India highlighted its LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) initiative during the summit.

**36. Which organization is responsible for coordinating World Health Day, observed on April 7 every year?**

- A. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- B. World Health Organization (WHO)
- C. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- D. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

**Answer: B**

World Health Day is observed on April 7 annually and is coordinated by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to raise awareness about global health issues and promote a healthier world.

**37. Global Forest Watch is published by which of the following?**

- A. United Nations Environment Programme
- B. Global Biodiversity Information Facility
- C. Basic Environmental Facility
- D. World Resources Institute

**Answer: D**

Global Forest Watch (GFW) is an initiative launched by the World Resources Institute (WRI). It is an online platform that provides real-time data and tools for monitoring forests worldwide. GFW utilises satellite imagery, open data, and crowdsourcing to track deforestation, forest degradation, and conservation efforts.

**38. Recently, Basohli painting received a GI tag. It is associated with which state/Union Territory?**

- A. Himachal Pradesh              B. Jammu & Kashmir
- C. Uttarakhand                      D. Punjab

**Answer: B**

Basohli painting is an ancient art form from Kathua district of Jammu & Kashmir. It is known for its vibrant color scheme, intricate designs, and mythological themes. Recently, it has been granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, ensuring the protection of its historical and cultural significance.

**39. Where is India's first International Multimodal Logistics Park being developed?**

- A. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- B. Kolkata, West Bengal
- C. Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- D. Jogighopa, Assam

**Answer: D**

India's first International Multimodal Logistics Park (IMLP) is being developed in Jogighopa, Assam. This project is being undertaken by the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) and aims to enhance India's logistics infrastructure.

**40. Which country launched its first operational Earth observation satellite "TAIFA-1"?**

- A. South Africa                      B. Kenya
- C. Nigeria                              D. Ghana

**Answer: B**

Kenya launched its first operational Earth observation satellite "TAIFA-1" on April 11, 2023. It was launched aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Space Force Base, California. "TAIFA-1" aims to assist in environmental monitoring, agricultural management, and natural resource conservation.

**41. Recently, the "PRAVAAH Portal" was in the news. What is it related to?**

- A. Water Resource Management
- B. Education & Research
- C. Regulatory Approvals & Authorization
- D. Railway Traffic Monitoring

**Answer: C**

The "PRAVAAH Portal" (Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And Authorization) is a centralized web-based platform launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It aims to facilitate individuals and entities in applying for various regulatory approvals, licenses, and authorizations online.

**42. Consider the following statements about National Panchayati Raj Day:**

1. It is observed on April 24 every year.
2. It marks the enactment of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: C**

Both statements are correct. National Panchayati Raj Day is observed on April 24 to mark the enactment of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, which institutionalized local self-governance in India. This amendment introduced the three-tier system of Panchayati Raj, strengthening grassroots democracy.

**43. Who was confirmed as the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in February 2025?**

- A. Christopher Wray
- B. Kash Patel
- C. James Comey
- D. Robert Mueller

**Answer: B**

In February 2025, Kash Patel was confirmed as the Director of the FBI. Patel, a former public defender and federal prosecutor, has held various national security positions, including Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Defense and Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence during President Trump's first term. His confirmation was marked by a narrow Senate vote of 51-49. Patel's appointment is notable as he is the first Indian-American to lead the FBI.

**44. Who appoints the Director of the National Judicial Academy (NJA)?**

- A. Ministry of Law and Justice
- B. Chief Justice of India
- C. President of India
- D. Prime Minister of India

**Answer: B**

The Director of the National Judicial Academy (NJA) is appointed by the Chairman of the NJA, who is the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India. The NJA operates under the guidance of the Supreme Court of India, with the Chief Justice serving as the Chairperson of both its General Body and Governing Council.

**45. Where is the fifth edition of 'Exercise Dustlik' taking place?**

- A. Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- B. New Delhi, India
- C. Termez, Uzbekistan
- D. Pithoragarh, India

**Answer: C**

'Exercise Dustlik' is an annual joint military exercise between India and Uzbekistan, conducted alternately in both countries. The fifth edition is being held from April 15 to 28, 2024, in the Termez district of Uzbekistan.

**46. What is the primary mode of authentication used in Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) transactions?**

- A. OTP (One-Time Password)
- B. PIN (Personal Identification Number)
- C. Biometric Authentication
- D. Password

**Answer: C**

The Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) is a bank-led model that allows customers to perform basic banking transactions using their Aadhaar number and biometric data (such as fingerprint or iris scan). The primary mode of authentication in this system is biometric authentication.

**47. Which city was renamed as Sri Vijaya Puram?**

- A. Chennai
- B. Kolkata
- C. Port Blair
- D. Mumbai

**Answer: C**

Port Blair, the capital of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, was renamed "Sri Vijaya Puram" on September 13, 2024. This renaming reflects the region's historical significance and is part of a broader initiative to shed colonial legacies in India.



**48. Which company emerged as the first Indian entity to achieve the Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI) Performance Standard V3 Certification?**

- A. Hindalco Industries Limited
- B. National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO)
- C. Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO)
- D. Vedanta Aluminium Limited

**Answer: C**

Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), a subsidiary of Vedanta Aluminium, became the first Indian company to achieve the Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI) Performance Standard V3 Certification. This certification was awarded for BALCO's facility in Korba, Chhattisgarh.

**49. What is the primary objective of CoViNet, the global network launched by the World Health Organization (WHO)?**

- A. Development of new vaccines for coronaviruses
- B. Distribution of treatments for SARS-CoV-2
- C. Early and accurate detection, monitoring, and assessment of SARS-CoV-2, MERS-CoV, and novel coronaviruses of public health importance
- D. Implementation of global lockdowns for COVID-19

**Answer: C**

The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched a new global network called CoViNet, aiming to facilitate and coordinate global expertise and capacities for the early and accurate detection, monitoring, and assessment of SARS-CoV-2, MERS-CoV, and novel coronaviruses of public health importance.

**50. What is the primary purpose of the Digital India Trust Agency (DIGITA)?**

- A. To promote digital transactions
- B. To improve internet speed in India
- C. To monitor illegal digital lending apps and prevent cyber fraud
- D. To regulate online education platforms

**Answer: C**

The Digital India Trust Agency (DIGITA) is an initiative proposed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to identify, regulate, and prevent cyber fraud related to illegal digital lending apps. It will be responsible for verifying digital lending applications and maintaining a public register of authorised apps.

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