

# Q1. What is the tenure of Parag Jain as the newly appointed Chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)?

A. Four years

B. Two years

C. Five years

**D.** Three years

- Answer- B. Two years
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of senior IPS officer Parag Jain as the new Secretary of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW).
- He will replace the current Secretary Ravi Sinha, whose term ends on June 30, 2025.
- The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Government of India, has issued a notification regarding this appointment.
- The head of RAW is officially designated as the Secretary of the Research and Analysis Wing.
- Parag Jain has been appointed for a tenure of two years from the date of assumption of charge or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- RAW was established following intelligence failures during the Sino-Indian War of 1962 and the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965.

## Q2. When is National Statistics Day observed every year?

**A.** 29 June

**B.** 05 June

C. 15 August

**D.** 29 July

- · Answer- A. 29 June
- National Statistics Day is celebrated every year on 29 June.
- The theme for this year's celebration is "75 Years of National Sample Survey".
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation celebrated the 19th Statistics Day on 29 June 2025 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- In 2007, the Government of India designated 29 June as "Statistics Day".
- · National Statistics Day is observed on the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.
- He founded the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) in Kolkata.

# Q3. Where has the Maharashtra government set up a hedging desk to help farmers get a fair price for their farm produce?

A. Nagpur

B. Pune

C. Aurangabad

D. Mumbai

- · Answer- B. Pune
- The Maharashtra government has launched a hedging desk in Pune under the Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness and Rural Transformation (SMART) project.
- The hedging desk aims to help farmers receive a fair price for their produce and increase their income.
- Hedging is a risk management tool used to protect the value of financial assets from adverse future changes.
- Initially, the desk will cover cotton, turmeric, and maize crops, with plans to include more crops later.
- It will focus on farmers and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in regions like Hingoli, Washim, Sangli, Yavatmal, Akola, Nanded, Amravati, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, and Beed.
- The desk was established based on recommendations from the World Bank.
- It has been set up in collaboration with the National Commodity and Derivatives

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Exchange (NCDEX) and its research arm, the NCDEX Institute of Commodity Markets and Research (NICR).

# Q4. Which law enforcement agency has launched Operation Chakra V to bust mule bank accounts related to cybercrime and digital arrest scams?

- **A.** Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- B. National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- **C.** Enforcement Directorate (ED)
- **D.** Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre

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- Answer- A. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has launched searches in five states under Operation Chakra V to bust mule bank accounts linked to cybercrime and digital arrest scams.
- · CBI officials conducted searches in Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh.
- · According to the CBI, around 8.5 lakh mule accounts have been opened in various banks across the country for laundering money collected through cybercrime and digital arrest scams.
- A mule bank account refers to a bank account opened by a money mule for the purpose of money laundering.
- To detect and block such accounts, banks follow the Know Your Customer (KYC) guidelines, which are rule-based but often result in high false positives, making detection time-consuming.
- The CBI was established on 1 April 1963 under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946.
- It functions under the **Union Ministry of Personnel**, **Public Grievances and Pensions**.

#### Q5. Where was the first Hockey India Masters Cup held?

A. New Delhi

B. Chennai, Tamil Nadu

C. Jalandhar, Punjab

- D. Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- · Answer- B. Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- The inaugural edition of the Hockey India Masters Cup 2025 was held at the Mayer Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The tournament took place from June 18 to 27, 2025.
- The Odisha Hockey Association won the women's title, while the Tamil Nadu Hockey Unit won the men's title.
- The Masters Cup was open to male players over 40 years and female players over 35 years.
- A total of 12 men's teams and 8 women's teams participated in the event.
- Hockey India, established in 2009, is the governing body for hockey in India and is affiliated with the International Hockey Federation (FIH).

Q6. On June 26, 2025, Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) '\_\_ \_\_' was inducted into the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).

A. Amulya

B. Admya

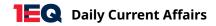
C. Akshay

D. Achal

- · Answer- B. Admya
- On June 26, 2025, Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) 'Admya' was inducted into the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).

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- The vessel is the first of the 8 vessels built under the Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) project and symbolizes India's indigenous shipbuilding capability.
- Construction and design were carried out by Goa Shipyard Limited.
- 'Admya' is India's first FPV to use a controllable pitch propeller (CPP) and an indigenous gearbox.
- These technologies enhance the ship's agility, flexibility, and maneuverability in various sea conditions.
- It plays a vital role in maritime law enforcement, preventing smuggling, fishing violations, and maritime crimes.
- Equipped with state-of-the-art surveillance systems, it monitors India's coastline and **Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).**
- The vessel is capable of high-speed search and rescue operations during maritime disasters.
- It strengthens India's maritime presence and contributes to regional security and stability in the Indian Ocean region.

#### Q7. Where and when will the 4th 'Financing for Development' (FFD4) conference be held?

A. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; July 15–18, 2025

**B.** New York, USA; June 1-4, 2025

**C.** Doha, Qatar; August 20–23, 2025

D. Seville, Spain; June 30-July 3, 2025

- Answer- D. Seville, Spain; June 30-July 3, 2025
- The 4th Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) will be held in Seville, Spain from June 30 to July 3, 2025.
- It is a significant **decadal conference** aimed at mobilizing and utilizing financial resources for global development.
- The conference continues the legacy of the Monterrey Consensus (2002), the Doha Declaration (2008), and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (2015).
- It focuses on implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reforming the global financial architecture, and addressing emerging challenges such as the climate crisis, debt management, and global tax reforms.
- The summit will be attended by over 70 heads of state and government, along with leaders of financial and development institutions, and representatives from civil society and the private sector.
- The United States has decided to withdraw from the talks after a failed attempt to remove issues related to climate, sustainability, and gender equality.
- FFD4 aims to reform the global financial system and mobilize resources for developing countries.

## Q8. 'Operation Bihali' is a military operation conducted by?

**A.** Indian Army and Central Reserve Police

Indian Air Force

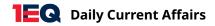
D. Border Security Force (BSF) and Jammu

B. National Investigation Agency (NIA) and

C. Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police

- and Kashmir Police
- Answer- C. Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police
- A Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist was killed by the Indian Army under Operation Bihali.
- · Operation Bihali is a military operation launched on June 26, 2025, in Jammu and Kashmir, jointly conducted by the Indian Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police.
- The operation is part of ongoing **counter-insurgency efforts** in the region, crucial for maintaining peace and security.
- It began in the Bihali area of Basantgarh, a densely forested and difficult terrain in

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- The operation was initiated based on **specific intelligence inputs** about the presence of **four Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terrorists** who had been under surveillance for a year.
- Operation Bihali is considered a significant step in preventing terror attacks and ensuring the safety of locals and pilgrims.

## Q9. Which ministry has approved the funding for the TOTR project?

A. Union Ministry of Home Affairs B. Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and

Climate Change

C. Union Ministry of Agriculture

**D.** Union Ministry of Wildlife Conservation

- Answer- B. Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- In view of frequent human-tiger conflicts in some forest divisions, the **Union Ministry of Environment**, **Forest and Climate Change** has approved funding for the **Tiger Outside Tiger Reserves Project (TOTR)**.
- The project focuses on monitoring tigers outside designated tiger reserves.
- Currently, about **30%** of the estimated **3,682 tigers** in India live outside notified tiger reserves, often preying on cattle and herbivores near human settlements, increasing the risk of conflict.
- Due to their territorial nature, **tigers** tend to exclude co-predators like **leopards** from forest areas, further escalating conflict risks.
- The initiative was announced during a meeting of the **National Board for Wildlife** chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on **March 3**.
- A total of **80 forest divisions** across **10 states** have been identified for initial implementation.
- The proposed expenditure for the project up to 2026–27 is Rs 88 crore.

### Q10. Bonalu Festival is the traditional folk festival of which state?

A. Telangana B. Assam

C. Karnataka D. Kerala

- Answer- A. Telangana
- The **Bonalu Festival** is a traditional folk festival celebrated in the state of **Telangana**.
- The **2025 Bonalu Festival** officially began on **26 June 2025** at the **Sri Jagadamba Mahankali Temple** located in the historic **Golconda Fort**, **Hyderabad**.
- The festival commenced with **thousands of devotees**, **colorful rituals**, and **traditional performances**.
- The **Telangana state government** actively participated and allocated a **₹20 crore grant** for temples.
- The **first Bonam procession** started from **Langar Hauz Square** to the temple with **drums and dance**.
- Folk performances included the **Potharaju dance**, **fire-breathing acts**, and **traditional folk costumes**.
- Thousands of women in traditional attire offered prasad during the celebrations.

#### Q11. In which state is the Salkhan Fossil Park located?

A. Uttar Pradesh B. Madhya Pradesh

**C.** Rajasthan **D.** Bihar

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- · Answer- A. Uttar Pradesh
- Salkhan Fossil Park in Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh has been included in the

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tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

- This is a historic achievement recognizing the site's **scientific**, **geological**, **and ecological** significance on a global platform.
- Location: Situated in **Salkhan village**, about **15 km** from **Robertsganj** in Sonbhadra district.
- Global Significance: It is one of the oldest fossil sites in the world.
- Fossils: Fossils of stromatolites and algae dating back approximately **1.4 billion years** have been discovered here, considered evidence of the **earliest life on Earth.**
- **Nomination Process:** Inclusion in the tentative list is the **first formal step** in the UNESCO nomination process.
- A detailed **dossier** is being prepared by the **Uttar Pradesh government** to be submitted to UNESCO through the **Government of India**.
- **Final Decision:** The process of site inspection, evaluation, and approval typically takes about **one year.**

# Q12. Which institute has developed a portable 'point-of-care' test kit for the rapid detection of the Nipah virus?

- A. National Centre for Disease Control
- B. National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune
- **C.** Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Delhi
- **D.** All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)
- Answer- B. National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune
- The **National Institute of Virology (NIV)**, **Pune**, under the **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)**, has developed a portable 'point-of-care' test kit for the rapid detection of the **Nipah virus**.
- The kit uses **loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP)** technology, which amplifies viral DNA/RNA at a constant temperature.
- This method is faster, simpler, and less energy-intensive compared to **PCR** (**Polymerase Chain Reaction**).
- The test can be completed in just a few minutes, making it ideal for rapid screening during outbreaks in high-risk areas.
- It does not require specialized laboratory equipment, making it suitable for use in **rural** and remote regions.
- The kit is specifically designed to detect **Genotype B** of the Nipah virus, which is prevalent in **India and Bangladesh.**

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