

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 Sambhajnagar**, 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 (I4C)

- 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).**

- 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 Force **B.** National Investigation Agency (NIA) and Indian Air Force
C. Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police **D.** Border Security Force (BSF) and Jammu 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

Udhampur district.

- 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?

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| 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?

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| 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?

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| A. Uttar Pradesh | B. Madhya Pradesh |
| C. Rajasthan | D. Bihar |

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

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**.