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QUESTION-1

Which of the following company launched the 2024 edition of the Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM), aligned with the Government's Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao initiative?

- A) GAIL (India) Limited
- B) NHPC Limited
- C) NTPC Limited
- D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited

Correct Answer: C

NTPC Limited, India's largest integrated power company, has launched the latest edition of Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM), its flagship Corporate Social Responsibility initiative. The program aligns with the Government of India's Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao initiative and aims to tackle gender inequality by nurturing girls' imaginations and fostering their ability to explore opportunities.

QUESTION-2

Which of the following company received the authorisation by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an online payment aggregator in April 2024?

- A) Cashfree Payments
- B) Computer Age Management Services Limited
- C) Razorpay Software Private Limited
- D) Tata Pay

Correct Answer: B

Computer Age Management Services Ltd said the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted authorisation to the company to operate as an online payment aggregator. The company received an in-principle authorisation from RBI in February 2023, according to a statement.

QUESTION-3

Who among the following was awarded the 2024 John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award for her achievements in global health research?

- A) Anuradha Chowdhary
- B) Gagandeep Kang



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- C) Indrani Karunasagar
- D) Vidya A. Arankalle

Correct Answer: B

Dr Gagandeep Kang, Director of Global Health at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, has been selected for the prestigious John Dirks Award in global health. She is the first Indian woman to get this award and says it is a huge honour for all the work that she and her colleagues did while at Christian Medical College, Vellore.

QUESTION-4

Who among the following was named as recipient of the 2023 ACM A.M. Turing Award for foundational contributions to the theory of computation?

- A) Sylvia Serfaty
- B) Michel Talagrand
- C) Luis Caffarelli
- D) Avi Wigderson

Correct Answer: D

ACM, the Association for Computing Machinery, has named Avi Wigderson as recipient of the 2023 ACM A.M. Turing Award for foundational contributions to the theory of computation, including reshaping our understanding of the role of randomness in computation, and for his decades of intellectual leadership in theoretical computer science.

QUESTION-5

The Asian Wrestling Championship 2024 was held in which of the following country?

- A) China
- B) India
- C) Iran
- D) Kyrgyzstan

Correct Answer: D

The Asian Wrestling Championship 2024 was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. In this event, India's Udit won the silver medal in men's freestyle 57 kg. Abhimanyu got India's second medal in the 70 kg category. Anju and Harshita settled for silver. India's Olympic quota for Paris 2024 was secured by Antim Panghal in 2023.



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QUESTION-6

Who among the following was appointed as UGC member for three years?

- A) Sridhar Vembu
- B) Narayanamurthy
- C) Ashish Kumar Chauhan
- D) Both A & C

Correct Answer: D

The central government has notified the appointment of National Stock Exchange CEO and managing director Ashish Kumar Chauhan and Zoho founder Sridhar Vembu as members of the University Grants Commission (UGC), India's regulator for higher education.

QUESTION-7

Which of the following country has deployed a ship-mounted C-Dome defense system against suspicious aerial target recently?

- A) France
- B) Israel
- C) Japan
- D) South Korea

Correct Answer: B

"Israel for the first time deployed its ship-mounted defence system, called the C-Dome, against a "suspicious" target that entered the country's airspace near the southern city of Eilat," the military said on April 9. The C-Dome is a naval version of the Iron Dome air defence system used to shield against rocket and missile attacks.

QUESTION-8

_____ clinched the women's and men's singles titles, respectively at the Kazakhstan International Challenge tournament in Uralsk.

- A) H S Prannoy; Ashmita Chaliha
- B) Lakshya Sen; Anupama Upadhyaya
- C) Tharun Mannepilli; Anupama Upadhyaya
- D) Tharun Mannepilli; Ashwini Ponnappa



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Correct Answer: C

Indian badminton players Anupama Upadhyaya and Tharun Mannepli clinched the women's and men's singles titles respectively at the Kazakhstan International Challenge tournament in Uralsk. Nineteen-year-old Anupama, hailing from Almora, secured her second consecutive title by defeating compatriot Isharani Baruah 21-15, 21-16 in a 41-minute final.

QUESTION-9

Who among the following was elected as chairman of the senate, the upper house of parliament of Pakistan recently?

- A) Yusuf Raza Gilani
- B) Nawaz Sharif
- C) Imran Khan
- D) Hina Rabbani Khar

Correct Answer: A

Senior Pakistan Peoples Party leader and former prime minister Yusuf Raza Gilani was elected unopposed as chairman of the Senate, amidst protest from lawmakers from jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's party. Saial Khan Nasir of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) was elected as the deputy chairman.

QUESTION-10

When the International Day of Human Space Flight was observed?

- A) 08 April
- B) 09 April
- C) 12 April
- D) 11 April

Correct Answer: C

The International Day of Human Space Flight is celebrated on April 12 annually. The day is celebrated to honour the first person, Yuri Gagarin, to go to space. On April 7, 2011, the United Nations General Assembly finalised April 12 as the International Day of Human Space Flight.