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1. Recently, where was the 5th meeting of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) Joint Committee held?

- [A] Jakarta
- [B] New Delhi
- [C] Moscow
- [D] Beijing

Correct Answer: A [Jakarta]

Notes:

The fifth ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) Joint Committee meeting in Jakarta from July 29 to August 1, 2024, aimed to enhance economic cooperation between ASEAN and India by reviewing the 2009 AITIGA. ASEAN is a key trade partner for India, with significant trade volumes and a notable trade deficit. The meeting focused on improving the trade agreement and fostering deeper economic collaboration.

2. Which country hosts BIMSTEC Business Summit 2024?

- [A] India
- [B] Nepal
- [C] Bhutan
- [D] Myanmar

Correct Answer: A [India]

Notes:

India's Ministry of External Affairs and the Confederation of Indian Industries hosts the 1st BIMSTEC Business Summit in New Delhi from August 6-8, 2024. The summit, inaugurated by Dr. S. Jaishankar and attended by key leaders, aims to boost regional trade and investment among BIMSTEC countries. Over 300 stakeholders will discuss trade, connectivity, energy security, inclusive growth, and sustainable development.

3. Which day is celebrated as 'National Handloom Day' every year?

- [A] 5 August
- [B] 6 August
- [C] 7 August
- [D] 8 August

Correct Answer: C [7 August]

Notes:

National Handloom Day, celebrated on August 7th, honors India's handloom heritage and supports

artisans. Launched in 2015 to mark the Swadeshi Movement's centenary, it promotes indigenous crafts and empowers weavers. The 2024 theme focuses on integrating technology and innovation to expand market access and enhance skill development for artisans.

4. Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, recently seen in the news, is located in which state?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Madhya Pradesh
- [D] Gujarat

Correct Answer: C [Madhya Pradesh]

Notes:

An investigation into 43 tiger deaths between 2021 and 2023, with 34 in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve and 9 in Shahdol Forest Circle, revealed poor investigations and missing body parts in 10 cases. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) reported these findings on July 15. Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, located in Madhya Pradesh, is renowned for its high density of Royal Bengal Tigers and was declared a tiger reserve in 1993.

5. What is 'C-130J Super Hercules', recently seen in news?

- [A] Air-to-Air beyond visual range missile
- [B] Nuclear ballistic submarine
- [C] Turboprop military transport aircraft
- [D] Heavy lift helicopter

Correct Answer: C [Turboprop military transport aircraft]

Notes:

A Bangladesh-registered C-130J Hercules jet became the most tracked flight on Flightradar24.com amid rumors of the Bangladesh Prime Minister leaving the country. The C-130J Super Hercules, developed by Lockheed Martin, is a four-engine military transport aircraft used for tactical missions. It has a 19-ton payload capacity, can operate from rough runways, and is primarily used by the US and other nations for airdropping troops and equipment.

6. What kind of missile is 'Astra mark-1 (Mk-1) missile', recently in news?

- [A] Surface-to-Air missile
- [B] Air-to-Air beyond visual range (BVR) missile
- [C] Air-to-Surface missile
- [D] Surface-to-Surface missile



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Correct Answer: B [Air-to-Air beyond visual range (BVR) missile]

Notes:

The Indian Air Force has approved the production of 200 Astra Mk-1 missiles for Su-30 MKI and Tejas aircraft after Deputy Chief Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit's visit to Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).

Developed by DRDO and made by BDL, Astra Mk-1 is an air-to-air missile with a range of 80-110 km and a speed of Mach 4.5. DRDO is also working on the Astra Mk-2 with a range of 130-160 km.

7.What is 'Glioblastoma', recently seen in news?

- [A] A type of brain or spinal cord cancer
- [B] A type of heart disease
- [C] A type of lung cancer
- [D] A type of skin cancer

Correct Answer: A [A type of brain or spinal cord cancer]

Notes:

In a new study, scientists used AI to convert glioblastoma cancer cells into dendritic cells, which help the immune system target and kill cancer. Glioblastoma is a fast-growing brain or spinal cord cancer caused by DNA mutations, originating from astrocytes that support nerve cells. It makes its own blood supply, invades healthy tissue, and is more common in older adults, accounting for nearly half of adult brain tumors.

8.Yamini Krishnamurthy, who recently passed away, was associated with which field?

- [A] Boxing
- [B] Journalism
- [C] Classical dance
- [D] Scientist

Correct Answer: C [Classical dance]

Notes:

India mourned the loss of Yamini Krishnamurthy, a revered classical dancer, who passed away at 83 in New Delhi. Mastering Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi, and Odissi, she elevated Indian classical dance



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globally. Born on December 20, 1940, in Andhra Pradesh, she began her dance journey at five, training at Kalakshetra School under Bharatanatyam legend Rukmini Devi Arundale.

9. Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, recently seen in news, is located in which state?

- [A] Nagaland
- [B] Manipur
- [C] Assam
- [D] Arunachal Pradesh

Correct Answer: C [Assam]

Notes:

A mahout from Darrang district was tragically killed by a wild elephant at Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary. Located in Assam's Morigaon district, Pobitora is home to the highest density of Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros, with around 102 rhinos in 38.8 sq. km. The sanctuary, declared in 1987, features alluvial lowlands, marshland, and wet savannah, bordered by the Brahmaputra River to the north and Garanga Beel to the south.

10. Which state recently became the first in India to buy all crops from farmers at MSP?

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

Correct Answer: A [Haryana]

Notes:

Haryana's Chief Minister announced the state's procurement of all crops at Minimum Support Price (MSP), making it the first in India to do so. Additionally, he waived Rs 133 crore in irrigation charges and promised Rs 137 crore in pending compensation for crop damage due to natural calamities. MSP, recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACPC), ensures fair prices for farmers and promotes crop diversification.