



Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Mahatari Vandana Yojana in –

- a Bihar
- b Assam
- c West Bengal
- d Chhatisgarh

Answer **d**

EXPLANATION

- ✓ In a major boost to women empowerment in Chhattisgarh, The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the Mahatari Vandana Yojana and disbursed the first installment under The Scheme.
- ✓ The scheme has been launched in Chhattisgarh to provide financial assistance of Rs 1000 per month to eligible married women of the state as monthly DBT. It has been envisioned to ensure economic empowerment of women, provide them financial security, promote gender equality and strengthen the decisive role of women in the family.
- ✓ The scheme will provide benefits to all eligible married women of the state who are above 21 years of age as of January 1, 2024. Widows, divorced, and deserted women will also be eligible for this scheme. Around 70 lakh women will benefit from the scheme.



Q. The fifth edition of "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" campaign is launched by -

- a Narendra Modi
- b Rajnath Singh
- c Amit Shah
- d Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Answer **d**

EXPLANATION

- ☑ The Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched the fifth edition of "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" campaign on 9th March, 2024, at the NDMC Convention Centre in New Delhi.
- ☑ The campaign, themed "Nari Shakti se Jal Shakti," emphasises the integral role of women in water conservation and management. The campaign comes under the National Water Mission, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation in collaboration with Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation.
- ☑ Inspired by the Prime Minister's mantra of Jal Sanchay, the Ministry of Jal Shakti launched Jal Shakti Abhiyan in 2019 as a "Jan Andolan" to initiate water conservation at the grass-root level through citizen participation to accelerate water conservation across the country.



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DAILY MCQ'S

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PRELIMS EXAM**

Q. The Exercise Cutlass Express - 24 (CE – 24) held at-

- a** Port Mathurin, Mauritius
- b** Port Victoria, Seychelles
- c** Port Sainte Marie, Madagascar
- d** Kochi Port, India

Answer **b**

EXPLANATION

- IINS Tir, the lead ship of First Training Squadron (1TS) participated in Exercise Cutlass Express - 24 (CE – 24) held at Port Victoria, Seychelles from 26 Feb – 08 Mar 24. The exercise was inaugurated by the President of Seychelles in attendance of dignitaries from India, USA and African countries.**
- As part of Cutlass Express, the Indian Navy actively engaged with participants from 16 friendly foreign countries. Training was conducted on theoretical and practical aspects of Maritime Interdiction Operations, Visit Board Search and Seizure procedures and Diving operations.**
- The extant deployment of INS Tir at Seychelles and participation in exercise Cutlass Express underscores close ties between Indian Navy and the regional Navies towards joint training fostering interoperability and building bridges of friendship.**



Q. Who among the following has been sworn as the 14th President of Pakistan?

a Qazi Faez Isa

b Asif Ali Zardari

c Dr Asif Alvi

d Maryam Nawaz

Answer **b**

EXPLANATION

- Asif Ali Zardari has been sworn as the 14th President of Pakistan, a day after the veteran politician was overwhelmingly elected as the next head of state. He will replace Dr. Arif Alvi, who stayed in office for five more months despite completing his five-year term in September 2023.**
- Recently, Shehbaz Sharif became the Prime Minister of Pakistan for a second time to lead a coalition government after he comfortably won a majority in the newly-elected Parliament.**



Q. Recently, Election Commissioner Arun Goel resigned from his office. The Election Commissioner is appointed by the-

- a President**
- b Prime Minister**
- c Chief Justice of India**
- d None of the above**

Answer a

EXPLANATION

- According to the Article 324, Election Commissioner is appointed by the President of India.
- Article 324 (2) states that the Election Commission shall consist of the Chief Election Commissioner and such number of other Election Commissioners, if any, as the President may from time to time fix and the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners shall, subject to the provisions of any law made in that behalf by Parliament, be made by the President.
- According to the new law, the panel headed by the Prime Minister has as members a Union Minister nominated by the Prime Minister and the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha. In case there is no LoP in the Lower House, the leader of the single largest Opposition party in the Lok Sabha will be deemed to be the LoP. The selection panel will have the power to consider even those not shortlisted by the search committee.