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1. Rajiv Gauba - Full Time Member of NITI Aayog

Former Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba has been appointed as the full-time member of NITI Aayog. His appointment has come into effect with immediate effect. Rajiv Gauba is a 1982 batch Jharkhand cadre IAS officer. He served as the Cabinet Secretary of the Government of India from August 2019 to August 2024. Apart from this, he has also held important posts like Union Home Secretary and Secretary of the Ministry of Urban Development.



2. 21st Livestock Census

The 21st Livestock Census has been started from October 25, 2024 and is likely to be completed by March 31, 2025. This exercise is conducted every five years by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD). The first livestock census was conducted in the year 1919, while the last i.e. 20th census was completed in the year 2019.



3. Livestock Insurance Scheme

A total of 21.01 lakh livestock have been insured so far in the current financial year. This insurance has been done under the Livestock Insurance Scheme operated under the National Livestock Mission (NLM). This scheme is demand based and the government is encouraging the states to send insurance proposals, so that more livestock can be included in this scheme.



4. India won bronze medal in Sepak Takraw World Cup

India performed brilliantly in the ISTAF Sepak Takraw World Cup 2025 and won the bronze medal in the mixed quad category. In this category, India jointly secured third place with Vietnam. Thailand won the gold medal of this event by defeating Myanmar. India won the silver medal in the women's doubles category, while Japan and Iran jointly got the bronze medal.



5. Sunil Kumar won bronze medal at Asian Wrestling Championship 2025

Indian wrestler Sunil Kumar won the bronze medal in the 87 kg Greco-Roman category at the Asian Wrestling Championship 2025 held in Amman, Jordan. He achieved this success by defeating Jiaxin Huang of China in the bronze medal match. In the semi-finals, he lost 1-3 against Yassin Yazdi of Iran, due to which he could not reach the final.



6. Hike in Salary and Allowances of MPs

The Government of India has notified the increase in the salary, allowances and pension of Members of Parliament (MP) from 1 April 2023. The monthly salary of MPs has been increased from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 1.24 lakh, an increase of 24%. The daily allowance has been increased from Rs 2000 to Rs 2500, an increase of 25%. The monthly pension of MPs has been increased from Rs 25,000 to Rs 31,000, also representing a 24% increase.



7. Indonesia joins BRICS' New Development Bank

Indonesia has agreed to join the New Development Bank (NDB), a multilateral development bank set up by the BRICS group. Indonesia will be the 9th country to become a member of the bank. The decision was announced by Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto in a meeting with bank president Dilma Vana Rousseff on 25 March 2025. Indonesia is the 10th member and the first country from South-East Asia to join BRICS.



8. Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah became the first woman president of Namibia

Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah made history on 21 March 2025 by becoming the first woman president of Namibia. She is a senior leader of the 'South West Africa People's Organization' (SWAPO) party, which has remained in power in the country since independence. She won the presidential elections held in November 2024 with 58% of the votes.



1. Who has been appointed as the former member of NITI Aayog recently?

A - Rajiv Gauba

B - Dr. Vinod Paul

C - Prof. Ramesh Chand

D - Amitabh Kant

Former Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba has been appointed as the full-time member of NITI Aayog. He is a 1982 batch Jharkhand cadre IAS officer and has held many important positions. He will now be a full-time member of NITI Aayog along with Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Prof. Ramesh Chand and Dr. Vinod Paul. The Vice Chairman of the Commission is Dr. Suman Beri and the CEO is BVR Subramaniam.



2. Which livestock census is currently being conducted in India?

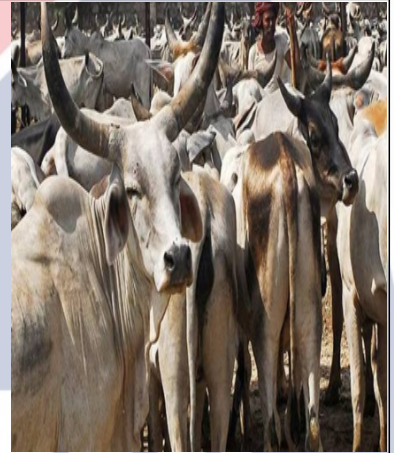
A - 20th

B - 21st

C - 18th

D - 22nd

The 21st Livestock Census has started from 25 October 2024 and is likely to be completed by 31 March 2025. It is done every 5 years by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying. This time the census includes a total of 15 species including buffalo, goat, sheep, yak, mithun, camel, elephant, poultry etc.



3. Under which livestock insurance scheme is operated?

A - Jal Jeevan Mission

B - Har Ghar Pashu Yojana

C - National Livestock Mission (NLM)

D - Rural Employment Scheme

So far in the current financial year, 21.01 lakh livestock have been insured. This insurance has been done under the Livestock Insurance Scheme of National Livestock Mission (NLM). To increase the participation of farmers, their share in the premium has been reduced to 15%. The center-state share is 90:10 in hilly and northeastern states, 60:40 in other states and the entire premium will be borne by the Center in Union Territories.



4. Where was the ISTAF Sepak Takraw World Cup 2025 organized?

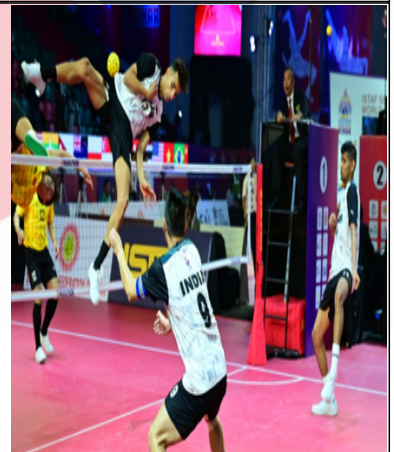
A - Rajasthan

B - Madhya Pradesh

C - Gujarat

D - Bihar

India won bronze in the mixed quad category, silver in women's doubles and bronze in the men's team event at the ISTAF Sepak Takraw World Cup 2025. The tournament took place from 20–25 March 2025 at the Patliputra Indoor Stadium, Bihar. Thailand won the gold medal in the mixed quad. India's performance was appreciated and interest in the sport of Sepak Takraw increased in the country.



5. Which Indian wrestler has won the bronze medal in the Asian Wrestling Championship 2025?

- A - Bajrang Punia
C - Sushil Kumar
B - Lakshya Sen
D - Sunil Kumar

Indian wrestler Sunil Kumar won the bronze medal in the 87 kg Greco-Roman category at the Asian Wrestling Championship 2025 (Amman, Jordan). He defeated Jiaxin Huang of China. He lost to the wrestler from Iran in the semi-finals. In the quarter-finals, he defeated the wrestler from Tajikistan 10-1. This medal is a matter of pride for Indian wrestling and an inspiration for young wrestlers.



6. What is the percentage increase in the monthly salary of MPs?

- A - 25 %
C - 10 %
B - 24 %
D - 20 %

The Government of India has increased the salary, allowances and pension of MPs from 1 April 2023. Monthly salary has been increased from ₹1 lakh to ₹1.24 lakh (24% increase), daily allowance from ₹2000 to ₹2500 (25% increase), monthly pension from ₹25,000 to ₹31,000 (24% increase).



7. Which country has announced its decision to join the New Development Bank in March - 2025 -

- A - Indonesia
C - Pakistan
B - Mongolia
D - Turkey

Indonesia has become the 9th country to join the New Development Bank (NDB). This was announced by President Prabowo Subianto on 25 March 2025 during a meeting with NDB President Dilma Rousseff. Indonesia is the 10th member and the first country from South-East Asia to join the BRICS group.



8. 'Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah' has become the first woman President of which country?

- A - Zimbabwe
C - Namibia
B - Kenya
D - Uganda

Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah became the first woman president of Namibia on 21 March 2025. She is a senior leader of the SWAPO party and won the November 2024 election with 58% of the votes. The swearing-in ceremony took place on the country's 35th Independence Day. She has set a target of creating 5 lakh jobs in the next five years by investing in agriculture, fisheries and creative sectors.





One Liner

1. NITI Aayog is headed by - **Prime Minister of India**
2. When was the first livestock census conducted in India - **Year 1919**
3. To promote livestock insurance among farmers, the beneficiary share of premium for all categories and regions has been increased to - **15%**
4. Which medal has India won in ISTAF Sepak Takraw World Cup 2025 - **Bronze medal (with Vietnam in mixed)**
5. Recently, Sunil Kumar has won which medal in Asian Wrestling Championship 2025 - **'Bronze medal'**
6. Recently, the daily allowance of MPs has been increased by how much percentage - **25%**
7. Where is the headquarters of New Development - **Shanghai, China**
8. Who has recently become the first woman President of Namibia - **Netumbo Nandi Nandaitwah**
9. Which ruler was defeated by Rana Sanga in the battle of Khatauli. - **Ibrahim Lodi (1517)**
10. Where is Rana Sanga's chhatri located - **Mandalgarh**

