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Current Affairs

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Q:1 Recent amendment in _____ of Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 now allows women employees to nominate children instead of husbands for pension in marital discord cases.

1. Rule 57
2. Rule 33
3. Rule 50
4. Rule 64

Q:2 How much forest area has been recently digitally demarcated by Delhi Government?

1. 2,500 Hectares
2. 3,000 Hectares
3. 2,700 Hectares
4. 2,000 Hectares

Q:3 Name the Tamil queen who resisted the colonial empire in the 18th century and shares her birth anniversary with Savitribai Phule on 3rd January.

1. Rani Velu Nachiyar
2. Rani Mangammal
3. Rani Chenamma
4. Rani Kopperunthevi

Q:4 Name the first Black and second female president of Harvard University who recently resigned amid controversies.

1. Michaëlle Jean
2. Monica Dacon
3. Froyla Tzalam
4. Claudine Gay

Q:5 PM Modi recently unveiled development projects in Tiruchirappalli for inclusive growth worth exceeding _____.

1. 35,000 crore
2. 25,000 crore
3. 20,000 crore
4. 15,000 crore

Q:6 What is the new NNPA ratio set by the RBI to declare their dividends in its revised guidelines?

1. 6.5%
2. 6%
3. 7%
4. 7.5%

Q:7 Who has been appointed as the chairman of 16th Finance Commission?

1. Arvind Panagariya
2. Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey
3. Urjit Patel
4. Shaktikanta Das

Q:8 Who has been appointed as the first woman president of European Investment Bank?

1. Élisabeth Borne
2. Tursunoy Akhunova
3. Nadia Calviño
4. Adele Tonnini

Q:9 What is the full form of XPOSat, the satellite launched by ISRO to study black holes?

1. X-ray Polar Satellite
2. X-ray Polarimeter Satellite
3. X-ray Polarizing Satellite
4. X-ray Polarizer Satellite

Q:10 Who has been appointed as the chief secretary of Rajasthan following the retirement of Usha Sharma in January 2024?

1. JK Mohapatra
2. Rakesh Singh
3. DS Mishra
4. Sudhansh Pant

Answer Key

1. (3)	2. (4)	3. (1)	4. (4)	5. (3)
6. (2)	7. (1)	8. (3)	9. (2)	10. (4)

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Rule 50**

In case of marital discord, a notable amendment has been made to Rule 50 of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021, enabling a woman employee to prioritize her child or children over her husband for family pension nomination. The family pension is granted under this rule following the demise of a government servant or retired government servant.

Q:2 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **2,000 Hectares**

The Delhi government is actively engaged in the digital demarcation of more than 2,000 hectares of land, including over 450 kilometers of roads and drains, designated as deemed forests, according to an affidavit submitted to the Delhi High Court. Over 1,000 hectares of deemed forest land have already been identified, with an additional 1,000 hectares in the process of being demarcated.

Q:3 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Rani Velu Nachiyar**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to Savitribai Phule and Rani Velu Nachiyar on their birth anniversaries, acknowledging their inspirational impact on society. Savitribai Phule, a trailblazer in women's education, and Rani Velu Nachiyar, an esteemed Tamil queen who resisted the colonial empire in the 18th century, were praised for their compassion and courage.

Q:4 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Claudine Gay**

Harvard President Claudine Gay, after only six months in office, announced her resignation on Tuesday amidst significant controversy at the university. In a heartfelt letter to the Harvard community, Gay expressed her love for the institution and the difficulty of her decision. Following consultations with the Corporation, she concluded that resigning is in the best interests of

Harvard, allowing the community to address the ongoing challenges collectively.

Q:5 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **20,000 crore**

In a bid for 'Sabka Vikas' in southern India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation for development projects exceeding Rs 20,000 crore in Tiruchirappalli. After a convocation at Bharathidasan University, PM Modi was honoured by Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin.

Q:6 The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **6%**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposed granting permission for banks with a net non-performing assets (NPAs) ratio below 6 percent to declare dividends. Currently, banks must maintain a NNPA ratio of up to 7 percent to be eligible for dividend declaration. The RBI outlined in draft guidelines that the net NPA ratio for the relevant financial year should be less than six percent.

Q:7 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Arvind Panagariya**

With the approval of the President of India, the Government of India has established the Sixteenth Finance Commission, as per Article 280(1) of the Constitution. Dr. Arvind Panagariya, former Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog and Professor at Columbia University, will serve as the Chairman.

Q:8 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Nadia Calviño**

Nadia Calviño assumed the role of President of the European Investment Bank, succeeding Werner Hoyer. As the eighth president and the first woman to lead the institution, Calviño also makes history as the inaugural Spaniard to helm the Bank.

Q:9 The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **X-ray Polarimeter Satellite**

India has bestowed a New Year gift upon the world as the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) achieved a successful launch of XPOSat (X-ray Polarimeter Satellite) on the inaugural day of the year. This milestone aids the global scientific community in examining fundamental phenomena related to galaxies and black holes.

Q:10 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Sudhansh**



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Senior IAS officer Sudhansh Pant has been appointed as the new chief secretary of Rajasthan following the retirement of Usha Sharma. The Department of Personnel issued the orders confirming his appointment, and he will also assume an additional role as the chairman of Rajasthan Mines and Mineral Corporation Limited.

