



Dikshant IAS - Daily Current Quiz

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1. Who has become the world number 1 bowler in the Test rankings as per March 2024 released by the International Cricket Council (ICC)?

- (a) Lockie Ferguson
- (b) R. Ashwin
- (c) Mohammed Shami
- (d) Mark Wood

Answer: (d)

- Off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin is back on top of the ICC men's Test bowling rankings after taking nine wickets in his 100th Test match.
- Ashwin took over the top spot from compatriot Jasprit Bumrah to begin his sixth stint at the top of the rankings. He became number one for the first time in December 2015.

2. Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024 has been launched by which ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (b) Ministry of Heavy Industries
- (c) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- (d) Ministry of Roads and Transport

Answer: (b)

- A new Rs 500 crore scheme to promote electric mobility in India has come into effect from April 1.
- This scheme will continue till the end of July. Because the second phase of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India (FAME-II) program has ended on March 31.
- It means that the subsidy under the scheme will be valid only for e-vehicles sold till March 31.
- Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024 (EMPS 2024) scheme has been introduced by the Ministry of Heavy Industries. The scheme aims to promote the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the country.

3. Where was India's first FutureLABS center inaugurated?

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Thiruvananthapuram



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Answer: (d)

- Union Minister of State for Electronics & IT, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Jal Shakti Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar inaugurated India's first FutureLABS Center at C-DAC Thiruvananthapuram.
- This centre, named "Centre for Semiconductor Chips and Systems for Strategic Electronics", will play a key role in catalyzing an ecosystem for next generation chip design, manufacturing and research.

4. In which country have researchers recently discovered a new species of scorpion with 8 eyes and 8 legs?

- (a) Thailand
- (b) Venezuela
- (c) Brazil
- (d) Kenya

Answer: (a)

- Deep in the jungle of Thailand's Kaeng Krachan National Park, a team of researchers made a surprising discovery: a previously unknown species of scorpion, scientifically classified as *Euscorpions krachan*.
- The newly discovered scorpion, *Euscorpions krachan*, takes its name from the same park that revealed its existence.
- Researchers, camping near the Tenasserim mountain range, spotted the creature hiding under a rock, leading to an in-depth study of three adult males and one adult female.
- This species, belonging to the subgenus *Euscorpions*, is distinctive for its smaller size compared to its counterparts in the same subgenus.
- Brown in color, female scorpions are darker in color than males, these scorpions have eight eyes and legs.

5. India's first automobile in-plant railway siding project was inaugurated in which state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Karnataka

Answer: (b)



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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 14 inaugurated India's first automobile in-plant railway siding at Suzuki Motor's Gujarat manufacturing facility.
- This project has been completed in partnership with Maruti Suzuki India and Gujarat Rail Infrastructure Development (G-RIDE).

