



Dikshant IAS - Daily Current Quiz

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1. Where was the fourth edition of the SCO Startup Forum held?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) Bangalore
- (d) Delhi

Answer: (d)

- The fourth edition of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Startup Forum was held in New Delhi on March 19, 2024.
- This initiative aims to facilitate extensive startup discussions among SCO member countries, promote conducive environments for innovation, boost job creation, and develop innovative solutions for young talents.

2. Which Southeast Asian country recently passed a bill legalizing same-sex marriage?

- (a) Myanmar
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Maldives
- (d) Thailand

Answer: (d)

- Thai lawmakers passed a law to recognize same-sex marriage, making it the first country in Southeast Asia to grant marriage rights to gay and lesbian couples.
- The Thai parliament passed the same-sex marriage bill on March 27, 2024, paving the way for equal marriage rights for LGBTQ couples in the country.

3. Who has recently been appointed as the Prime Minister of Palestine?

- (a) Mohammad Mustafa
- (b) Mohammad Shtayyeh
- (c) Mahmoud Abbas
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a)

- Mohammad Mustafa has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Palestine. President Mahmoud Abbas appointed him as the new PM.
- This appointment comes 18 days after the entire government, including former Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh, resigned. The President of the Palestinian Authority is the chief executive of the state.



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4. Which country recently became the 32nd member of NATO?

- (a) Sweden
- (b) Ukraine
- (c) Lebanon
- (d) North Korea

Answer: (a)

- Currently, there are 30 member countries of NATO. These NATO allies come together to discuss political and security issues and make collective decisions to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic region.
- The establishment of NATO was on April 4, 1949, by 12 countries in Europe and North America. Since then, through 10 rounds of expansion (in 1952, 1955, 1982, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2017, 2020, 2023, and 2024), 20 more countries have joined NATO.
- According to Article 10 of the North Atlantic Treaty, how a country can join the alliance is decided by unanimous consent among all allies.

5. Which recommendation has been made in the report submitted to the President on 14th March 2024 by the committee chaired by former President Ram Nath Kovind, formed to explore the possibility of holding Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly elections simultaneously?

- I. Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly elections should be held together in the first phase in the year 2029.
- II. Within 100 days of the year 2029, elections should be held for local bodies alongside Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly elections.
- III. There should be a single electoral roll for the entire country.
- IV. The tenure of the houses will be 5 years.
- V. The elected houses from midterm elections will have a tenure for the remaining 5 years.

How many statements among the above are correct?

- (A) Only one pair
- (B) Only three pairs
- (C) Only four pairs
- (D) All the above pairs

Answer: (D)



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- A committee chaired by former President Ram Nath Kovind, formed to explore the possibility of holding Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly elections simultaneously, submitted its report to the President on 14th March 2024.
- The recommendations include:
 1. Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly elections should be held together in the first phase in the year 2029.
 2. Within 100 days of the year 2029, elections should be held for local bodies alongside Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly elections.
 3. There should be a single electoral roll for the entire country.
 4. The tenure of the houses will be 5 years. The elected houses from midterm elections will have a tenure for the remaining 5 years.

