- 1. What is the name of the cyclone that recently formed over the Kutch coast in Gujarat?
- A. Cyclone Gulabi
- B. Cyclone Jawar
- C. Cyclone Asna 🗹
- D. Cyclone Satrang



- ✓ Cyclone Asna formed from a deep depression over Gujarat's Kutch region and is set to become a tropical cyclone over the Arabian Sea. Unlike typical cyclones that form over warm ocean waters, Asna developed over land in Gujarat. Historically, cyclones have originated over mainland India only three times in August (1976, 1964, and 1944) and strengthened as they moved into the Arabian Sea.
 - 2. Which state will host the 'Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024' in November?
 - A. Bihar 2
 - B. Haryana
 - C. Uttar Pradesh
 - D. Odisha



- ✓ The Women's Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament in 2024 will be held in Rajgir, Bihar, from November 11-20. This event is a milestone for Bihar, as it will take place at the newly-developed Rajgir Hockey Stadium. Top Asian teams, including India, China, Japan, and Korea, will compete in the tournament.
 - 3. Which city of Nepal recently recognized as a 'healthy city' by the World Health Organization?
 - A. Bharatpur
 - B. Biratnagar
 - C. Dhulikhel 2
 - D. Dharan



✓ Dhulikhel, Nepal, is the first city in the country to be recognized as a "healthy city" by the World Health Organization (WHO). Dhulikhel is located in the Kavrepalanchok district, about 18 miles from Kathmandu. The WHO monitored Dhulikhel for two years before making the announcement in August 2024. The WHO's decision was based on factors like environmental improvements, progress in primary health care, and access to health for poor citizens. Dhulikhel was also named the second healthiest city in Asia.

- 4. Which state/UT recently launched 'Isai Kudil Scheme' to enhance music and dance education in government schools?
- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Puducherry ☑
- C. Kerala
- D. Andaman & Nicobar Islands

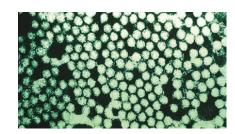


- ✓ The Isai Kudil scheme was launched in Puducherry to boost music and dance education in government schools. Bharathiar University supports this initiative. A musical hut is being set up at Chinnatha Government Girls Higher Secondary School. Music classes will be held twice a week for two hours. The scheme offers tailored syllabi for different class levels.
 - 5. Who has been appointed as the new Cabinet Secretary for the Government of India?
 - A. Alok Banerjee
 - B. T.V. Somanathan
 - C. S.C.Majumdar
 - D. Rinku Dugga



- ✓ TV Somanathan has been appointed as the 33rd Cabinet Secretary of India. He succeeded Rajiv Gauba, the longest-serving Cabinet Secretary since August 2019. Rajiv Gauba, a 1982 batch IAS officer, got three one-year extensions until August 2024.
- ✓ The government amended retirement rules to extend Gauba's term. Before Gauba, Pradeep Kumar Sinha held the longest term as Cabinet Secretary for over four years. Somanathan, a 1987 batch Tamil Nadu cadre IAS officer, was previously Finance Secretary and Expenditure Secretary. He has a PhD in Economics, is a Chartered Accountant, and has held significant roles in Tamil Nadu and the World Bank.
 - 6. What is Foot-and-mouth disease?
 - A. Fungus disease of Birds
 - B. Viral disease of livestock

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 - C. Plant disease
 - D. None of the above



✓ The Union government has decided to establish foot-and-mouth disease-free zones in eight states: Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) is a highly contagious viral illness affecting livestock such as cattle, swine, sheep, and goats, but not horses, dogs, or cats. It impacts livestock production and disrupts trade but poses no human health or food safety risk.

- 7. Recently, which Indian athlete won the silver medal at the 'Asian Cadet Judo Championships'?
- A. Himanshi Tokas 🗹
- B. Tulika Maan
- C. Jaya Chaudhary
- D. Sushila Devi



- ✓ Himanshi Tokas won a silver medal at the Asian Cadet and Junior Judo Championships. The event took place in Mungyeong, South Korea. Himanshi competed in the women's 63-kilogram weight category. She is 19 years old and part of the Khelo Bharat program. 12 members from India participated in the competition. The event is concluded at the Mungyeong Gymnasium.
 - 8. Recently, where was the '7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah' launched?
 - A. Jaipur, Rajasthan
 - B. Gandhinagar, Gujarat 🗹
 - C. Patna, Bihar
 - D. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah began from 1 September at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, focusing on nutrition awareness and well-being. Union Minister Annpurna Devi, Gujarat's Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel, and other officials attended the event.
- ✓ The day started with a nationwide tree-planting drive called "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam," promoting nutrition and environmental sustainability. Union Minister Annpurna Devi outlined Poshan 2.0's pillars: good governance, convergence, capacity building, and community participation. The campaign will focus on issues like anemia, growth monitoring, and complementary feeding, supporting the vision of a 'Suposhit Bharat.'
 - 9. Which Indian athlete created a history by winning India's first bronze medal in 200m race at 2024 Paris Paralympics?
 - A. Palak Kohli
 - B. Ekta Bhyan
 - C. Karamiyoti Dalal
 - D. Preeti Pal 🗹



✓ Preethi Pal became the first Indian woman to win two Paralympic medals in track and field events at Paris Paralympics 2024. She won bronze in the women's 200m T35 class with a personal best time of 30.01 seconds. Earlier, she had secured another bronze in the 100m T35 class at the same event. She was outpaced by Xia Zhou and Guo Qianqian from China, who won gold and silver, respectively.

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10. Nishad Kumar recently won a silver medal in which event at the 2024 Paris Paralympics?

- A. High Jump 🗹
- B. Shooting
- C. Wrestling
- D. Table Tennis



✓ Nishad Kumar won a silver medal in the men's T47 high jump at the Paris Paralympics on September 2. He achieved a season-best jump of 2.04 meters to secure second place. This was his second silver medal, having previously won silver at the Tokyo Paralympics. Townsend-Roberts from the United States won the gold medal with a jump of 2.08 meters. Georgii Margiev from Russia secured the bronze medal.

11. Recently, which Japanese animator has been honored with the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award for 2024?

- A. Goro Fujita
- B. Hayao Miyazaki 🗹
- C. Hiroyuki Imaishi
- D. Koji Nanke



- ✓ Japanese anime director Hayao Miyazaki recently won the Ramon Magsaysay Award, known as Asia's Nobel Prize. Winners receive a certificate and a medallion with Ramon Magsaysay's profile.
- ✓ From 1958 to 2008, the award was given in six categories: Government Service, Public Service, Community Leadership, Journalism and Creative Arts, Peace and International Understanding, and Emergent Leadership. The award ceremony is held annually on Aug.31 in Manila, Philippines, marking the birth anniversary of President Ramon Magsaysay, after whom the award is named.
 - 12. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), recently marked its 7th foundation day, operates under which ministry?
 - A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Commerce
- C. Ministry of Finance



- ✓ India Post Payment Bank (IPPB) recently celebrated its 7th Foundation Day. IPPB was established under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication, with 100% ownership by the Government of India. It aims to provide efficient banking services to every household in India, enhancing financial security and empowerment.
- ✓ IPPB leverages a vast postal network of over 1,61,000 post offices across the country. Services offered include savings and current accounts, Direct Benefit Transfers, bill and utility payments, and access to third-party products like loans and insurance.

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