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1. Recently, who was announced as the first Indian ambassador of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)?

- A. Yuki Bhambri
- B. Sharath Kamal
- C. Ashok Amritraj
- D. Sumit Nagal



Sharath Kamal has been named the first Indian ambassador of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Foundation. Sharath was elected to the ITTF's Athlete's Commission in November 2022. He holds the record for the most medals in Commonwealth Games history for table tennis, including 13 medals with three golds at the 2022 Birmingham Games.

- 2. Which day is observed as 'World Coconut Day' annually?
- A. 1 September
- B. 2 September ☑
- C. 3 September
- D. 4 September



- ✓ World Coconut Day is observed every year on September 2nd to highlight the importance of coconuts. It aims to raise awareness about various uses of coconuts and promote sustainable farming practices. The theme for World Coconut Day 2024 is "Coconut for a Circular Economy: Building Partnership for Maximum Value." The day was first celebrated in the year 2009.
  - 3. Recently, who took over as Deputy Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force?
  - A. Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh
  - B. Air Marshal VR Chaudhari
  - C. Air Marshal Tejinder Singh
  - D. Air Marshal Arjan Singh



✓ Air Marshal Tejinder Singh became the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force in New Delhi. Tejinder Singh is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy and joined the IAF fighter stream on June 13, 1987. He studied at the Defence Service Staff College and National Defence College. He received the Vayu Sena Medal in 2007 and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2022.

- 4. e-Shram Portal was launched by which ministry?
- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Labour and Employment ☑ e-Shram
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Finance

- ✓ The Ministry of Labour & Employment launched the eShram portal on 26th August 2021. In just three years, over thirty crore unorganised workers registered on eShram. eShram will help un organised workers access schemes like PMJJBY, PMSBY, AB-PMJAY, and others.
  - 5. Nitish Kumar won gold medal in which event at the 2024 Paris Paralympics?
  - A. Badminton
  - B. Wrestling
  - C. Boxing
  - D. Tennis



- ✓ Nitish Kumar won India's second gold medal at the 2024 Paris Paralympics in men's singles Badminton SL3 class. Earlier, Avni Lekhara won India's first gold medal in the Women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event. The 17th Summer Paralympics is taking place in Paris, France, from 28 August to 8 September 2024.
  - 6. 'Exercise Varuna' is the bilateral naval exercise between India and which country?
  - A. Russia
  - B. Australia
  - C. Sri Lanka



- ✓ The 2024 edition of Indo-French bilateral naval 'Exercise Varuna' held in the Mediterranean Sea from September 2-4, 2024, involving advanced tactical exercises. The Indian Navy's P-8I aircraft landed at Air Base 125 Istres-Le Tube in France for its first-ever European deployment. This was for the 22nd edition of Exercise Varuna with the French Navy. The India-France naval exercise began in 1993, was named 'Varuna' in 2001.
  - 7. Durand cup is associated with which sports?
  - A. Basketball

  - C. Hockey
  - D. Cricket



✓ NorthEast United FC won its first Durand Cup title by beating Mohun Bagan Super Giant 4-3 in a penalty shootout. The final was held at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata on 31 August 2024. The 133rd Durand Cup, Asia's oldest football tournament, was played in Kolkata, Kokrajhar, Jamshedpur, and Shillong from 27 July to 31 August 2024.

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- 8. Which organization recently launched "Vulture Count 2024" initiative?
- A. United Nations Environment Programme
- B. Global Footprint Network
- C. World Wide Fund for Nature India ☑
- D. Greenpeace



- ✓ WWF-India launched the "Vulture Count 2024" project from September 7 to October 6, 2024. This initiative aligns with International Vulture Awareness Day. The project aims to count and assess the vulture population in India. It focuses particularly on critically endangered vulture species. The project also seeks to raise public awareness about the importance of vultures in ecosystems.
  - 9. Recently, where was the "World Deaf Shooting Championship 2024" held?
  - A. Beijing, China
  - B. Hanover, Germany ☑
  - C. New Delhi, India
  - D. Paris, France



- ✓ Indian shooter Dhanush Srikanth won three gold medals at the 2024 World Deaf Shooting Championship. World Deaf Shooting Championship 2024 being held at Hanover in Germany. The championship, organized by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf, is being held from August 29 to September 8, 2024.
  - 10. Recently, where was the "India Bio-Energy & Tech Expo 2024" inaugurated?
  - A. New Delhi 🗹
  - B. Gandhinagar
  - C. Bhopal
  - D. Chennai



- Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari and Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated the India Bio-Energy & Tech Expo 2024 in New Delhi on 2 September 2024. The Expo is held from 2 to 4 September 2024. Awards were given to companies for their contributions to the bioenergy industry and enhancing bioenergy production and supply in India. The Indian Federation of Green Energy, in partnership with MMACTIV Sci-Tech Communications Ltd, organized the Expo. The Expo provides a platform for discussions on the future of bioenergy technologies.
  - 11. Which organization recently released "South-East Asia Regional Status Report on Road Safety" report?

A. IMF

B. WHO ☑

C. World Bank

D. UNDP



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✓ The WHO's "South-East Asia Regional Status Report on Road Safety" was released at the 15th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion. The South-East Asia Region accounts for 28% of global road traffic deaths, with an estimated 330,222 fatalities.

✓ In India, there were about 216,618 estimated road traffic deaths in 2021. Two- and three-wheeler drivers/riders make up 45.1% of these deaths. India's road traffic death rate is 15.4 per 100,000 people, higher than the global rate of 15.

12. Recently, where was the world's first fast-charging e-bus named 'Veera Mahasamrat' launched?

A. Bengaluru 🗹

B. Hyderabad

C. Mumbai

D. Coimbatore



✓ The world's first fast-charging e-bus is named 'Veera Mahasamrat.' It was launched in Bengaluru by Veera Vahana and Exponent Energy. The bus aims to improve travel by eliminating range anxiety with its fast charging. It will first operate on the Bengaluru-Hyderabad route. Four charging stations will be set up along this route to support the e-bus.

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