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1. What is the theme of 'World Migratory Bird Day 2024'?

- A. Insects
- B. Water
- C. Light pollution
- D. Protect birds



- ✓ **World Migratory Bird Day is a global campaign on May 11 & October 12, 2024, emphasizing migratory bird conservation. The theme "Insects" underscores insects' significance for birds and addresses declining insect populations' impact. World Migratory Bird Day raises awareness about the importance of preserving habitats for migratory birds.**

2. Which cooperative society has recently signed an agreement with Marut Dronetech Private Ltd to launch Drone-as-a-Service operations in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

- A. Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO)
- B. Amul
- C. Anyonya Co-operative Bank Ltd
- D. Kerala Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (KCMMF)



- ✓ **IFFCO partners with Marut Dronetech for Drone-as-a-Service (DAAS) in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, aiming to boost rural entrepreneurship and youth engagement. The collaboration targets to cover five lakh acres for agri input spraying. Marut Dronetech will deploy drones to dispense IFFCO agri-products. DAAS facilitates affordable drone tech access for farmers through rural entrepreneurs, promoting accessibility.**

3. Recently, which company announced its first ever partnership with Hockey India for the National Women's Hockey League 2024?

- A. Pepsico
- B. Coca Cola
- C. Nestle
- D. Parle Agro



- ✓ **The Coca-Cola India Foundation, partnered with Hockey India for the National Women's Hockey League 2024, marking its first collaboration. This partnership aims to empower women in hockey, aligning with Coca-Cola India's #SheTheDifference campaign. Over three years, they will provide coaching, equipment, nutrition & organize camps and tournaments, supported by Sporting Ethos.**

4. India recently collaborated with which country to study and conserve sharks and rays in the Arabian Sea?

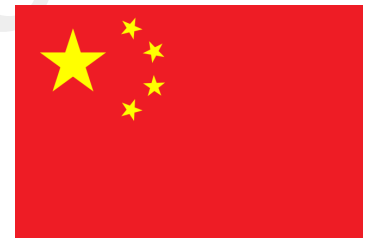
- A. Maldives
- B. Somalia
- C. Oman
- D. Iran



- ✓ India and Oman are set to launch a collaborative initiative for shark and ray conservation in the Arabian Sea, announced at an upcoming workshop at ICAR-CMFRI. Jointly organized by CMFRI and Oman's Directorate General of Fisheries Research, the workshop aims to foster research and capacity building in elasmobranch studies. It signifies a milestone in bilateral marine research.

5. Recently, which country has become India's largest trading partner, surpassing the US in FY24?

- A. United Arab Emirates
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. Japan



- ✓ According to the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) report, China overtakes the US as India's primary trading partner, reaching \$118.4 billion in bilateral trade in FY 24. India's reliance on China is evident, particularly in critical sectors like telecom, smartphones, and pharmaceuticals.
- ✓ Telecom and smartphone parts constitute 44% of imports, with China supplying 75% of lithium-ion batteries for EVs. This shift highlights China's increasing economic influence on India and underscores the need for diversified trade strategies.

6. Recently, where was the 4th Joint Committee meeting for the review of AITIGA (ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement) held?

- A. New Delhi, India
- B. Jurong, Singapore
- C. Jakarta, Indonesia
- D. Putrajaya, Malaysia



- ✓ The 4th Joint Committee meeting for AITIGA review convened in Putrajaya, Malaysia from 7-9 May 2024. AITIGA, signed in 2009, is a trade pact between ASEAN and India, effective since 2010, commonly known as the ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement. Focused on physical goods, it excludes services, with a separate ASEAN-India Trade in Services Agreement established in 2014 during the 7th ASEAN Economic Ministers-India Consultations in Bangkok, Thailand.

7. Recently, which ministry has sanctioned 113 roads under the Vibrant Village Programme in Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Sikkim?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Agriculture



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- ✓ **The Home Ministry approved 113 roads under the Vibrant Village Programme across Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Sikkim to enhance connectivity in border areas. This scheme, active from 2022-23 to 2025-26, aims to uplift villages along the northern border, curbing outmigration and bolstering security. It targets 2967 villages in 19 districts and 46 border blocks of 4 states and 1 UT.**

8. Kami Rita, who recently became the first person in the world to climb Mount Everest 29 times, belongs to which country?

- A. India
- B. Bhutan
- C. Nepal
- D. Myanmar



- ✓ **Kami Rita, a legendary Nepalese mountaineer, broke his own world record by summiting Mount Everest 29 times. He accomplished this feat over 30 years, with his latest ascent on May 12, 2024. Born in 1970, Rita began his career in 1992 and conquered Everest first in 1994. He's known as the "Everest Man." His competitor, Pasang Dawa, has climbed Everest 27 times. Everest's height is 8,848.86 meters or 29,031.69 feet.**

9. Recently, which Indian Naval Ship visited Vietnam as part of the Indian Navy's Operation Deployment?

- A. INS Kaveri
- B. INS Vikram
- C. INS Kiltan
- D. INS Veer



- ✓ **INS Kiltan arrived at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam on 12 May 24, strengthening ties between India and Vietnam. The visit, part of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet deployment, emphasizes professional, social, and community exchanges. Kiltan, an ASW corvette, symbolizes India's naval prowess and was built domestically. The visit culminates in a Maritime Partnership Exercise, enhancing interoperability between the two navies and reflecting their shared values.**

10. Which ministry has recently signed an MoU with Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. to conduct two Pilot Projects under the Drone Didi Yojana?

- A. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- B. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) partnered with Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd for two Pilot Projects under the Drone Didi Yojana. Launched to empower women in agriculture, it aims to train 15,000 women in drone operation for tasks like crop monitoring and seeding. The projects will run at Noida and Hyderabad Centers, training 500 rural women in drone flying, data analysis, and maintenance.

11. Recently, who won the silver medal at the Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championships?

- A. Dipa Karmakar
- B. Kalpana Debnath
- C. Srishti Khandagale
- D. Rucha Divekar



- ✓ Srishti Khandagale made history as the first Indian to medal in the Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championships, earning silver in the Women's Individual Age group in Hong Kong. Despite this achievement, she won't compete in the Paris Olympics due to her age group. Dolgoplova of Kazakhstan secured gold, while S Hung of Hong Kong took bronze.

12. Which day declared as World Football Day by the UN recently?

- A. 23.May
- B. 24.May
- C. 25.May
- D. 26.May



- ✓ On May 7, 2024, the UN General Assembly, comprising 193 members, passed a resolution to designate May 25 as World Football Day annually. The Libyan ambassador to the UN, Taher El-Sonni, introduced the resolution, which gained consensus support and was co-sponsored by over 160 member nations. Highlighting football's global popularity, the ambassador emphasized its ubiquity across towns, cities, and villages worldwide.

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1. Recently, where was the 'World Hydrogen Summit and Exhibition 2024' held?

- A. London, UK
- B. Moscow, Russia
- C. Paris, France
- D. Rotterdam, Netherlands



- ✓ India has setup its pavilion at the 2024 World Hydrogen Summit in Rotterdam, inaugurated by Bhupinder Singh Bhalla from the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy on May 12. The event, running from May 13-15, hosts 15,000 delegates worldwide. Organized by the Sustainable Energy Council and partners including the Netherlands government, it's a premier platform promoting green hydrogen technology and its global adoption as a sustainable fuel source.

2. Recently, where was the 10th meeting of the Memory of the World Committee for Asia and the Pacific (MOWCAP) held?

- A. Beijing, China
- B. Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- C. Jakarta, Indonesia
- D. New Delhi, India



- ✓ Ramcharitmanas, Panchatantra, and Sahṛdayāloka-Locana from India are included in UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register for 2024. Recognizing achievements in genealogy, literature, and science, the committee's decision was made at the 10th General Meeting of MOWCAP in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The meeting, hosted by the Mongolian government and UNESCO, had 38-member state representatives and 40 observers.

3. Recently, who has become first Indian male wrestler to qualify for 2024 Paris Olympics?

- A. Bhim Singh
- B. Aman Sehrawat
- C. Dinkarrav Shinde
- D. Udey Chand



- ✓ Aman Sehrawat made history as the first Indian male wrestler to clinch a quota for the 2024 Paris Olympics. At the World Wrestling Olympic Qualifiers in Istanbul, he secured the Paris quota in the men's 57kg freestyle category by defeating Chongsong Han of Korea 12-2 in the semi-final. This marks India's sixth quota in wrestling for the 2024 Olympics, with all previous five quotas won by Indian women wrestlers.

4. P Shyaamnikhil, who recently became India's 85th chess Grandmaster, belongs to which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Manipur
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ P Shyaamnikhil, Tamil Nadu native, became India's 85th chess Grandmaster at 31. Starting his career at eight, he clinched his third GM norms at 2024 Dubai Police Masters Chess Tournament. R Vaishali preceded him as the 84th Indian GM. Before the tournament, Shyaamnikhil required one win and eight draws. Despite accumulating 2500 ELO rating points and two GM norms in 2012, he waited 12 years for the third GM norm, achieved in Dubai.

5. What is the name of the project being undertaken by the state highways department in Tamil Nadu around the Nilgiris' major roads?

- A. Nilgiris Highway Rehabilitation Scheme
- B. Soil Nailing and Hydroseeding Project
- C. Soil Conservation Farming
- D. Soil and Water Conservation Society



- ✓ The project 'slope stabilization using soil nailing and Hydroseeding method' is implemented by Tamil Nadu's state highways department around Nilgiris' major roads. It employs geotechnical engineering techniques like soil reinforcement through steel tendons, creating composite masses akin to gravity walls. This method includes drilled and grouted, driven, drilling, and jet grouted soil nailing. While driven is fast but lacks corrosion protection, drilling and jet grouted methods offer quicker stabilization and erosion control.

6. World Wildlife Crime Report 2024, recently released by which organization?

- A. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- B. World Health Organisation
- C. World Bank
- D. United Nations Development Program



- ✓ The 2024 World Wildlife Crime Report by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime revealed rhinos and cedars as the most trafficked species from 2015-2021. Established in 1997, the UNODC combats drug abuse, trafficking, and crime worldwide. It strengthens international cooperation, promotes crime prevention, and aids criminal justice reform to combat transnational organized crime and corruption.

7. Recently, which ministry has boarded the PM Gati Shakti portal to identify and bridge gaps in social security coverage across the country?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Labour and Employment
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Agriculture



- ✓ **The Ministry of Labour and Employment has joined the PM Gati Shakti portal to enhance social security coverage. PM Gati Shakti, launched in 2021, is the National Master Plan for Multimodal Connectivity, integrating 16 ministries. Its goal is integrated planning and implementation of connectivity projects, improving movement of people and goods between transport modes. The initiative focuses on 6 pillars: Comprehensiveness, Prioritization, Optimization, Synchronization, Analytical, and Dynamic.**

8. Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope is associated with which space organization?

- A. ISRO
- B. JAXA
- C. NASA
- D. CNSA



- ✓ **The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, led by NASA, targets exploration from our solar system's outer reaches to the observable universe edge. Its focus includes dark energy, dark matter, exoplanets, and various infrared astrophysics and planetary science areas. Key instruments include the Wide Field and Coronagraph Instrument, utilizing microlensing for exoplanet studies.**

9. Recently, which space organization announced plans to build the first railway station on the moon for efficient payload transportation?

- A. ISRO
- B. JAXA
- C. NASA
- D. CNSA



- ✓ **NASA announced FLOAT (Flexible Levitation on a Track), the first lunar railway system, aiming to transform cargo transfer on the Moon. FLOAT, part of NASA's Moon to Mars initiative, utilizes unpowered magnetic robots on a three-layer flexible film track. These robots levitate above the track, reducing wear from moon dust and offering dependable transportation for sustainable lunar colonies.**

10. Manika Batra is associated with which sports?

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Badminton
- C. Football
- D. Chess



- ✓ **Manika Batra, India's top women's table tennis player, achieved a historic milestone by entering the world's top 25 in Women's singles rankings, reaching a career-high of 24. She matched G Sathyan's record for the highest rank achieved by an Indian in singles table tennis. Following her performance in the Saudi Smash tournament, she climbed 15 spots, reaching the quarterfinals. Batra, a gold medallist at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, continues to shine on the global stage.**

11. IndiaSkills Competition 2024, the country's biggest skilling program, recently started at which place?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Kolkata
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai



- ✓ **IndiaSkills 2024, the nation's largest skill competition, kicked off in New Delhi on May 15, 2024, at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka. Organized by NSDC under MSDE, it spans 61 categories, testing skills nationwide until May 18. This biennial event enjoys broad support from state governments, industry, SSCs, SSDMs, corporates, and partner institutes. It provides a crucial platform for youth to exhibit their talents nationally and internationally.**

12. Recently, the government of India has announced humanitarian assistance worth \$ 1 million to which country?

- A. Rwanda
- B. Somalia
- C. Kenya
- D. Uganda



- ✓ **India pledges \$1 million in humanitarian aid to Kenya to alleviate the aftermath of deadly floods, claiming 267 lives and displacing over 380,000 people. The assistance includes 22 tons of supplies like tents, blankets, and hygiene kits, dispatched via an Indian Air Force plane. Additionally, 18 tons of medical aid, including life-saving drugs and surgical equipment, aim to address urgent healthcare needs of flood-affected Kenyans.**

13. Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre is operated under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Power
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Urban Development



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- ✓ The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), with support from Microsoft, blocked over 1,000 Skype IDs involved in cybercrimes like blackmail and extortion. I4C operates under the Ministry of Home Affairs to address cybercrime nationwide, enhancing coordination among law enforcement agencies. Located in New Delhi, it aims to combat cyber threats and protect citizens.

14. Exercise Tarkash, a joint counter terrorism exercise, recently held between which two countries?

- A. India & Australia
- B. India & US
- C. India & Egypt
- D. Nepal & China



- ✓ The India-US joint urban counter terrorism exercise, involving the NSG and US SOF, concludes in Kolkata, the seventh edition. Started on April 22, 2024, following the previous edition in Chennai, January 2023. Focuses on building relations and interoperability between forces. Aims at enhancing bilateral cooperation in combating terrorism, including sharing tactics and procedures for urban operations like close quarter battles and hostage rescues.

15. According to data released by Tea Board of India (TBI), tea production across the tea estates of Assam and Bengal may fall by what percent?

- A. 25%
- B. 50%
- C. 75%
- D. 20%



- ✓ Tea production in Assam and West Bengal could drop by 50% per TBI data. The Tea Board of India (TBI), established in 1954 under the Tea Act, 1953, operates under the Ministry of Commerce with headquarters in Kolkata. It boasts overseas offices in London, Dubai, and Moscow. With 31 members, including the Chairman, it's reconstituted every three years. Major tea-growing regions include Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tripura, and Himachal Pradesh.

16. Recently, where was the Indian Air Force (IAF) tested the airdrop of the indigenous mobile hospital, Bhishma Cube?

- A. Agra
- B. Thanjavur
- C. Varanasi
- D. Kozhikode



- ✓ **The Indian Air Force recently tested the airdrop of the indigenous mobile hospital, Bhishma Cube, in Agra. The Bhishma Cube is a portable, waterproof, and lightweight cube that can be deployed quickly in various emergency scenarios, including airdrops and ground transportation. The cubes are designed to treat injuries such as bullet wounds, severe burns, head injuries, and spinal fractures.**

17. Recently, which state has initiated bio-energy projects to use pine needles for generating electricity?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Odisha
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ **Uttarakhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (UREDA) initiated bio-energy projects in Uttarakhand to utilize pine needles for power generation, covering 16.36% of the state's forest area. These projects failed due to technology limitations. Chir pine forests produce 15 lakh tonnes of needles annually. Utilizing 40% could fulfill power needs and create employment.**

18. Recently, which organization has appointed David Salvagnini as its first chief AI officer?

- A. WMO
- B. ISRO
- C. NASA
- D. FAO



- ✓ **David Salvagnini, formerly NASA's chief data officer, is appointed as the new chief artificial intelligence (AI) officer. NASA leverages AI tools to support missions and research, analyze data, and develop autonomous systems for spacecraft and aircraft. According to NASA Administrator Bill Nelson, AI has long been safely utilized, accelerating discoveries.**

19. Sela Tunnel, recently recognised as India's highest tunnel by International Book of Honour, is located in which state?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Assam
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ **BRO India celebrates as Sela Tunnel becomes the highest in the country, recognized by the International Book of Honour, England. The 2.598 Km long tunnel, situated at 13,000 ft on the Tezpur-Tawang Road, ensures year-round connectivity to the strategic Tawang Region, Arunachal Pradesh. Inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 9, it's the world's longest twin-lane tunnel, vital for all-weather access to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.**

20. Which armed force has recently launched Operation Sadbhavana in North Sikkim?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Sashastra Seema Bal
- D. Indian Air Force



- ✓ **Under Operation Sadbhavana, Trishakti Corps of the Indian Army supported remote communities in Naga and Rangrang villages of North Sikkim. After a devastating glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF), relief materials were distributed, symbolizing solidarity. A medical camp served over 150 patients, and educational sessions engaged local youths under the Agniveer Scheme. These efforts underscore the Army's commitment to community development, fostering harmony, and strengthening bonds with border populations.**

21. Which bank has recently launched Pixel Pay, India's first Virtual Credit Card?

- A. Bank of Baroda
- B. Indian Bank
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. Axis Bank



- ✓ **HDFC Bank introduces Pixel Play, India's first virtual credit card in collaboration with Visa. Available in two variants, Pixel Play and Pixel Go, it allows users to customize cards based on lifestyle & preferred merchants via the PayZapp app. Featuring streamlined digital management, card controls, rewards & EMI dashboards, HDFC Bank redefines banking experiences.**

22. Recently, which company became the first in the world to get ISO certification for its AI Management System?

- A. Infosys
- B. Google
- C. Microsoft
- D. Meta



- ✓ **Infosys achieves ISO 42001:2023 certification for its AI management systems. TÜV India, under TÜV Nord Group, grants the certification, recognizing Infosys as one of the pioneering IT service firms to adopt responsible AI practices. The Artificial Intelligence Management System (AIMS) framework ensures regulatory compliance, fostering accountability and efficiency in AI endeavors.**

23. Recently, which institute discovered an eco-friendly solution for treating muddy river water?

- A. Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal
- B. Indian Institute of Petroleum & Energy, Visakhapatnam
- C. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- D. Indian institute of Technology, Kanpur



- ✓ **The Indian Institute of Petroleum & Energy (IIPE) in Visakhapatnam, in collaboration with other research institutions, has recently discovered an eco-friendly solution for treating muddy river water. The solution is called the “Surface Modification Technique of Membrane”.**

24. Which day is celebrated as International Day of Light every year?

- A. May.15
- B. May.16
- C. May.17
- D. May.18



- ✓ **The International Day of Light, established by UNESCO, celebrates light’s impact on society and technology. May 16th marks its observance, commemorating Theodore Maiman’s 1960 laser breakthrough. In 2024, themed “Light in Our Lives,” it highlights light’s guiding role. Originating from the 2015 UN International Year of Light, IDL was celebrated by UNESCO by first in 2018.**

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1. Recently, who won the gold medal in men's javelin throw at the 27th Federation Cup senior national competition in Bhubaneshwar?

- A. Neeraj Chopra
- B. Kishore Jena
- C. Vikas Yadav
- D. Manjinder Singh



- ✓ **Neeraj Chopra, Olympic champion, clinched gold in his first home competition in three years at the 27th Federation Cup in Bhubaneswar on May 15. Despite a hero's welcome in Odisha, he expressed dissatisfaction with his performance in the men's javelin final, despite claiming the top spot on the podium.**
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2. Which country recently unveiled the world's first 6G device?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. India



- ✓ **A Japanese consortium unveiled the world's first high-speed 6G prototype gadget, surpassing 5G by 20 times. Developed by DOCOMO, NTT, NEC, and Fujitsu, it can transmit data over 300 feet at 100 Gbps, tested successfully indoors and outdoors. However, 6G is still in developmental stages and not ready for commercial use. Despite its impressive speeds, there are inherent drawbacks in network technology.**
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3. What is 'Ligdus garvale'?

- A. Aircraft carrier
- B. New species of jumping spider
- C. New species of frog
- D. Invasive weed



- ✓ **A team of naturalists discovered a new jumping spider species, Ligdus Garvale, in Garvale village, Karnataka's Kodagu district. Surrounded by agroforestry, the village hosts coffee, pepper, and paddy fields. Ligdus Garvale is only the second recorded Ligdus genus instance in 129 years, with the first being Ligdus Chelifer from Myanmar in 1895.**
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4. Kadar tribes mainly belongs to which region of India?

- A. North Eastern India
- B. Southern India
- C. Western Ghats
- D. Northern India



- ✓ **The recent death of a Kadar tribesman in Tamil Nadu's Anamalai Tiger Reserve due to an elephant attack has shocked indigenous communities and conservationists. Kadars, a small tribal group in South India, have historically coexisted with wild elephants. They are traditional forest dwellers, residing along the border of Cochin in Kerala and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu. They rely on forest resources for sustenance, practicing specialized trades like honey collection for trade.**

5. 'TAK-003', a live attenuated dengue vaccine, is developed by which country?

- A. Japan
- B. Greece
- C. Mexico
- D. Indonesia



- ✓ **TAK-003, developed by Japan's Takeda, is a live-attenuated dengue vaccine containing weakened strains of all four virus serotypes. It's WHO prequalified, the second dengue vaccine after CYD-TDV. Recommended for children aged 6-16 in high-burden, high-transmission areas, it aims to combat dengue.**

6. Bulava intercontinental ballistic missile is developed by which country?

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. Russia
- D. India



- ✓ **Russian President has fortified the nation's military by introducing the Bulava, a new nuclear-capable missile, into the arsenal. The RSM-56 Bulava, designed by the Moscow Institute of Thermal Technology, is a three-stage solid-propellant submarine-launched intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM). It measures 12.1 meters in length, 2 meters in diameter, with a launch mass of 36.8 tonnes. Capable of carrying up to 10 MIRVs, it boasts a range of 8,300 km and in-flight maneuverability for enhanced accuracy.**

7. Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID) 2024, recently published by which organization?

- A. International Organization for Migration
- B. Geneva based Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre
- C. World Meteorological Organization
- D. World Bank



- ✓ In 2023, global internal displacement rose to 75.9 million from 71.1 million the year before, as per the Global Report on Internal Displacement 2024 (GRID-2024) by the Geneva-based IDMC. The report cites 7.7 million displaced by disasters, a quarter due to earthquakes, and 68.3 million by conflict. Sudan, Syria, DRC, Colombia, and Yemen house nearly half of IDPs.

8. Recently, which organization has been honored with the prestigious Geospatial World Forum (GWF) Leadership Award for "Public Policy: Enabling Industry Development"?

- A. BHEL
- B. BARC
- C. DRDO
- D. IN-SPACE



- ✓ IN-SPACE, India's National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre, received the Geospatial World Forum Leadership Award for "Public Policy: Enabling Industry Development" at the 2024 event in Rotterdam. Rajeev Jyoti and Kriti Khatri accepted the honor on behalf of IN-SPACE. The award recognizes their groundbreaking efforts in advancing India's space sector and supporting non-government entities.

9. Igla- S defence system is developed by which country?

- A. Russia
- B. China
- C. Israel
- D. Japan



- ✓ The Indian Army is set to receive new Russian Igla-S VSHORAD systems by May's end. Developed by Russia, it's a handheld MANPADS for individual or crew use, targeting low-flying aircraft, cruise missiles, and drones. Components include the 9M342 missile, 9P522 launching mechanism, and others. With a range of 500m to 6km and altitude capability of 3.5km.

10. Tele-MANAS is an initiative of which ministry?

- A. Ministry of AYUSH
- B. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- C. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- D. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- ✓ **Tele MANAS, an initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, offers free tele-mental health services nationwide, with 23 centers of excellence. Calls from ages 15–30 have surged, citing sleep issues, stress, low mood, fear of failure, and parental concerns. Nodal center: National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), supported by International Institute of Information Technology-Bangalore (IIITB).**

11. What is the name of operation recently launched by Uttarakhand police for smooth conduct of Kedarnath yatra?

- A. Operation Samridhi
- B. Operation Vikas
- C. Operation Maryada
- D. Operation Shakti



- ✓ **Uttarakhand Police initiates "Operation Maryada" amidst the influx of devotees for the Char Dham Yatra in Kedarnath. The operation aims to uphold decency and purity during the journey, targeting misconduct and substance consumption. This crackdown aims to ensure sanctity and orderliness in the pilgrimage.**

12. What is the theme of 'National Dengue Day 2024'?

- A. Dengue Prevention: Our Responsibility for a Safer Tomorrow
- B. Fight Dengue, Save Lives
- C. Effective Community Engagement: Key to Dengue Control
- D. Fight Against Dengue



- ✓ **National Dengue Day, observed annually on May 16, highlights the severity of dengue fever, a potentially fatal mosquito-borne disease affecting millions globally. In 2024, the theme, "Dengue Prevention: Our Responsibility for a Safer Tomorrow," underscores the importance of community engagement in combating the disease.**
- ✓ **The initiative aims to raise awareness and promote proactive measures to control dengue outbreaks, emphasizing collective responsibility for public health and safety.**

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1. Sunil Chhetri, who recently announced his retirement, belongs to which sports?

- A. Basketball
- B. Football
- C. Baseball
- D. Hockey



- ✓ Sunil Chhetri, India's revered football star, will retire from international football after India's match against Kuwait on June 6, 2024, concluding his illustrious career. As the captain of the Blue Tigers, he's been a pivotal figure, known for wearing Jersey No. 9. Chhetri, hailing from Secunderabad, debuted professionally with Mohun Bagan in 2002 and played internationally since 2005.

2. Which country was declared the host of the Women's World Cup 2027?

- A. Brazil
- B. India
- C. Australia
- D. South Africa



- ✓ Brazil was declared the host of the 2027 Women's World Cup at the FIFA Congress, beating the joint bid of Belgium, Netherlands, and Germany. Brazil secured 119 votes against 78 for the European bid. The decision followed a FIFA technical evaluation favoring Brazil. The U.S. and Mexico had withdrawn their joint bid to focus on the 2031 tournament.

3. According to a recent report released by the NOAA, how much of the world's coral reefs have bleached in the past year?

- A. 55%
- B. 60%
- C. 70%
- D. 80%



- ✓ According to the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 60% of the world's coral reefs have experienced heat stress severe enough to cause bleaching in the past 12 months, which is a record. This is the fourth mass coral bleaching event on record, with the previous three occurring between 1998 and 2017. Bleaching can make reefs more vulnerable to disease and harm the biodiversity they support.

4. Recently, where was the 'India's Progressive Path in the Administration of Criminal Justice System' conference held?

- A. Chennai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Guwahati
- D. Bhopal



- ✓ **The Union Ministry of Law and Justice, with the Assam Government, organized a conference titled 'India's Progressive Path in the Administration of Criminal Justice System' in Guwahati on May 18-19, 2024, to discuss recent changes in India's criminal justice system.**
- ✓ **The event highlighted three new laws: Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, replacing outdated British-era laws. These laws will be implemented on July 1, 2024.**

5. What is the theme of 'World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2024'?

- A. Digital technologies for Older Persons and Healthy Ageing
- B. Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development
- C. Accelerating digital transformation in challenging times
- D. Connect 2030: ICTs for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



- ✓ **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed on May 17 annually to explore the use of ICT and the Internet in societies and to address the digital divide. Each year, the ITU selects a theme; for 2024, it is "Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development." Sustainable development, as defined by the 1987 Brundtland Commission report, aims to meet present needs without compromising future generations' ability to do the same.**

6. Recently, where was the third session of the India-Zimbabwe Joint Trade Committee (JTC) held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ **The Third Session of the India-Zimbabwe Joint Trade Committee was held in New Delhi from May 13-14, 2024. Co-chaired by India's Priya P. Nair and Zimbabwe's Rudo M. Faranisi, the session focused on enhancing bilateral trade, investment, and cooperation in various sectors such as healthcare, renewable energy, and digital economy. Both sides agreed to explore MoUs for regulatory cooperation and to strengthen ties between investment promotion agencies and chambers of commerce.**

7. Recently, where was the 12th India-Mongolia Joint Working Group meeting on defence held?

- A. Darkhan
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Ulaanbaatar
- D. New Delhi



- ✓ The 12th Joint Working Group (JWG) of Indian and Mongolian defence ministers met in Ulaanbaatar on May 16-17, 2024, as part of their annual meetings. Indian delegation led by Amitabh Prasad, Joint Secretary of Defence, and Mongolian delegation by Brigadier General Gankhuyag Davagdorj. Discussions included bilateral cooperation, Indian Armed Forces capabilities, and potential collaboration in defence manufacturing. Both sides expressed satisfaction with ongoing cooperation and pledged to enhance it further.

8. Which day is observed as 'World Hypertension Day' every year?

- A. 16.May
- B. 17.May
- C. 18.May
- D. 19.May



- ✓ World Hypertension Day, observed on 17 May, raises awareness about hypertension, a silent but deadly health issue increasing risks of heart attacks, stroke, and renal failure. Initiated by the World Hypertension League on 14 May 2005 and shifted to 17 May from 2006, its goal is to inform the public on hypertension's risks and management. The 2024 theme is "Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer!"

9. Ambaji White Marble, recently awarded a GI tag, is predominantly quarried from which state?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Marble mined in Ambaji, Gujarat, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Central Government. Known as Ambaji White Marble, it is renowned for its pristine white color with unique gray or beige veining. This marble is durable, long-lasting, and has a smooth, polished surface, making it popular for luxury architectural projects, sculptures, and monuments.

10. What is 'Deda method'?

- A. A paddy cultivation method in Northern India
- B. A method of preserving seeds by Muria tribes
- C. A traditional irrigation technique
- D. An ancient medicinal practice to cure Malaria



- ✓ A Muria tribal farmer from Chhattisgarh, settled in the Godavari Valley, uses the traditional 'deda' method to preserve seeds. Seeds are wrapped in Siali leaves, layered with wood ash and lemon leaves, and sealed airtight. Each deda supports 5kg of seeds, protecting them from pests and preserving viability for up to five years. This method is effective for pulses like green gram, red gram, black gram, and beans.

11. Which ministry has recently taken a significant step towards promoting cleanliness and environmental sustainability by launching Swachhata Pakhwada?

- A. Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change



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- ✓ The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region launched Swachhata Pakhwada from May 16 to 31, 2024, under the Swachh Bharat Mission. Initiated in April 2016, this initiative focuses on cleanliness and sustainability by engaging central government ministries and departments. Ministries, termed 'Swachhata Ministries,' follow a pre-circulated annual calendar and are monitored via Swachhata Samiksha to ensure significant improvements.

12. PREFIRE Polar Mission is developed by which space organization?

- A. JAXA
- B. ISRO
- C. NASA
- D. ESA



- ✓ NASA's PREFIRE polar mission, launching from New Zealand on May 22, involves twin satellites measuring Earth's poles six hours apart. The mission aims to reveal the full spectrum of heat loss from polar regions, improving climate models. PREFIRE will address knowledge gaps, enhancing predictions of climate change and sea level rise by providing new data on how Earth's atmosphere and ice influence heat radiation from the Arctic and Antarctic.

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1. What is the theme of National Endangered Species Day 2024?

- A. Wildlife Without Borders
- B. Celebrate Saving Species
- C. Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration
- D. Sustaining all life on Earth



- ✓ **National Endangered Species Day, observed on May 17th in 2024, highlights the importance of protecting endangered species. Established annually on the third Friday of May, it raises awareness about the plight of endangered species. Conceived by David Robinson, a senior staff member at the Endangered Species Coalition, this year's theme, "Celebrate Saving Species".**

2. Recently, which country has successfully conducted a training launch of the guided multi launch rocket system 'Fatah-II'?

- A. Pakistan
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. Iran



- ✓ **Pakistan successfully tested its indigenous guided multi-launch rocket system, 'Fatah-II', with a 400-kilometer range. Equipped with advanced avionics and navigation, it ensures high-precision targeting. The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) stated the system's capabilities. Senior military officers and scientists witnessed the launch. 'Fatah-II' signifies Pakistan's advancement in defense technology, enhancing its strategic capabilities.**

3. What is the theme of 'World Bee Day 2024'?

- A. Bee engaged – Build Back Better for Bees
- B. Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees
- C. Bee Engaged with Youth
- D. Bee Engaged in Pollinator-Friendly Agricultural Production



- ✓ **World Bee Day, observed on May 20, marks Anton Janša's birth anniversary, a beekeeping pioneer. Established by the UN in 2017, it highlights bees' crucial roles in food security, biodiversity, and sustainable agriculture. The 2024 theme, "Bee engaged with Youth," focuses on involving young people in bee conservation efforts to protect these essential pollinators.**

4. Ebrahim Raisi, who recently passed away in helicopter crash, was the President of which country?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Egypt
- C. Iraq
- D. Iran



- ✓ On May 19, 2024, Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi tragically died in a helicopter crash in northwestern Iran. Raisi, a significant political figure and potential successor to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, was viewed as pivotal in Iran's leadership.

5. Nikhat Zareen, who recently won gold medal at Elorda Cup 2024, belongs to which sports?

- A. Wrestling
- B. Boxing
- C. Chess
- D. Badminton



- ✓ Nikhat Zareen and Minakshi won gold medals for India at the 3rd Elorda Cup 2024 in Astana, Kazakhstan. Zareen defeated Kazakhstan's Zhazira Urakbayeva in the 52 kg category, while Minakshi overcame Uzbekistan's Saidakhon Rakhmonova in the 48 kg category. India's 21-member boxing contingent secured a total of 12 medals: 2 gold, 2 silver, and 8 bronze.

6. Spiti Valley is located in which state?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Nagaland
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ Due to rising temperatures, apple cultivation has become viable in Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh, at elevations up to 3,400 meters. Farmers are shifting from barley and potatoes to apples, which are economically significant. In 2023-24, Spiti Valley produced apples worth Rs 34 crore. Apples, a temperate fruit, originated in the Middle East over 4000 years ago. China is the largest apple producer globally.

7. Recently, where was the 2nd edition of India- Australia- Indonesia Trilateral Maritime Security Workshop (TMSW) conducted?

- A. Kochi
- B. Chennai
- C. Varanasi
- D. Bengaluru



- ✓ The 2nd India-Australia-Indonesia Trilateral Maritime Security Workshop was held from May 15-17, 2024, at INS Dronacharya, Kochi, India. The theme was 'Indian Ocean Region: Collaborative Efforts to Enhance Regional Maritime Security'.
- ✓ Chaired by senior naval officials from the three countries, discussions focused on maritime security challenges, Information Exchange mechanisms, Maritime Domain Awareness, and enhancing interoperability among the navies. The workshop aimed at fostering cooperation to address present-day maritime threats in the Indian Ocean Region.

8. What is 'SPECULOOS-3 b'?

- A. Earth-size exoplanet
- B. Submarine
- C. Aircraft carrier
- D. Invasive plant



- ✓ Astronomers found SPECULOOS-3b, an Earth-sized planet, orbiting an ultra-cool red dwarf star 55 light-years from Earth. The star emits light 100 times dimmer than the sun, with half the temperature, making SPECULOOS-3b the second planet of its kind found around such a star. It lacks an atmosphere, receiving 16 times more energy than Earth. It takes 17 hours to orbit and is likely tidally locked, with one side in perpetual daylight and the other in darkness.

9. Which organization recently unveiled the carbon reduction initiative of SFO Technologies?

- A. DRDO
- B. BHEL
- C. ISRO
- D. CSIR



- ✓ ISRO Chairman S Somanath unveiled SFO Technologies' carbon reduction initiative, aiming for a 50% reduction by 2035 and zero emissions by 2040. At NeST HiTek Park, he planted a sapling and unveiled a Chandrayaan replica, highlighting SFO's cooperation with ISRO.

10. What is the theme of 'International Museum Day 2024'?

- A. Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine
- B. The Power of Museums
- C. Museums for Education and Research
- D. Sustainability and Well-being



- ✓ International Museum Day is celebrated annually on May 18 to highlight museums' societal roles. Established by the International Council of Museums (ICOM) in 1977, the first theme was introduced in 1992. The 2024 theme is "Museums for Education and Research."

11. Phawngpui National Park is located in which state?

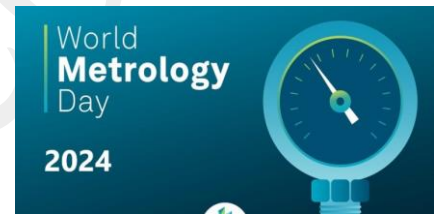
- A. Sikkim
- B. Assam
- C. Mizoram
- D. Manipur



- ✓ A new hemi-parasitic terrestrial plant, *Phtheirospermum lushaiorum*, was discovered in Mizoram's Phawngpui National Park. Lacking a fully developed root system, it connects to host plants for water and minerals but can photosynthesize and grow independently to some extent. Flowering occurs from July to September, with fruits produced from August to October. The species is named after the Lushai tribe of Mizoram.

12. Which day is observed as 'World Metrology Day' every year?

- A. May.18
- B. May.19
- C. May.20
- D. May.21



- ✓ World Metrology Day, celebrated on May 20, marks the 1875 Metre Convention signing, establishing a global measurement system. The 2024 theme, "Sustainability," emphasizes the role of measurements in fostering a sustainable economy and environment. Key applications include monitoring energy use, managing agricultural resources, identifying pollution sources, and regulating vehicle emissions.

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