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1. MTU 1271, BPT 2846, and NLR-3238 are related to which crop?

- A. Rice
- B. Cotton
- C. Sugarcane
- D. Mustard



- ✓ The Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU) released new rice varieties for Kharif in Andhra Pradesh: MTU 1271, BPT 2846, and NLR-3238, as alternatives to BPT 5204. MTU 1271, a high-yielding, non-logging, semi-dwarf variety, yields 2.8-3 tonnes per acre with a 140-day crop duration. BPT 2846 yields 2.4 tonnes per acre in 130-135 days. NLR-3238, with 22.5% higher zinc composition, is viable for all seasons.

2. Which organization has recently issued an advisory regarding the unauthorized use of liquid nitrogen in food?

- A. FCI
- B. FSSAI
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. ICAR



- ✓ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued an advisory regarding the unauthorized use of liquid nitrogen in food by establishments. Liquid nitrogen, a colorless, odorless gas or liquid, is used for freezing, propelling, packaging, and foaming. It's considered a Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) additive under regulations and permitted in dairy-based ice cream desserts solely for contact-freezing and cooling, as per the Food Safety and Standards Regulation of 2011.

3. Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project (SLHEP) is located in which state?

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



- ✓ A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) has been signed for the implementation of a Fisheries Management Plan at the 2000 MW Subansiri Lower Hydro Electric Project (SLP) in Assam. SLHEP, a gravity dam on the Subansiri River, will be India's largest hydroelectric plant upon completion. Developed by NHPC, the river is known for gold dust and spans Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, and China's Tibet Autonomous Region, offering significant hydropower potential.

4. Recently, where was the '3rd Glasgow Dialogue on Loss and Damage' held?

- A. Bonn, Germany
- B. London, UK
- C. Paris, France
- D. New Delhi, India



- ✓ **The third Glasgow Dialogue on Loss and Damage occurred during the 60th Session of the Subsidiary Bodies to the UNFCCC in Bonn, Germany. The Santiago Network for Loss and Damage, founded in 2019, aids developing nations in mitigating climate change-induced loss and damage. It mobilizes technical support from diverse entities to bolster vulnerable countries' capacity in managing climate-related impacts.**

5. Ministry of Health along with which organization recently launched National Health Claim Exchange (NHCX), a digital platform?

- A. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- B. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- C. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- D. NITI Aayog



- ✓ **The Health Ministry and IRDAI are launching the National Health Claim Exchange (NHCX), a digital platform uniting insurance companies, healthcare providers, and government insurance administrators. NHCX aims to enhance efficiency, transparency, and accuracy in claims processing by facilitating data exchange among stakeholders. It supports the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission's goals of simplifying health insurance claims and creating a unified digital healthcare platform, benefiting policyholders and patients.**

6. Recently, who has been named the EY World Entrepreneur of The Year 2024?

- A. Vellayan Subbiah
- B. Vaibhav Anant
- C. Reetesh Dhingra
- D. Pratap Raju



- ✓ **Indian entrepreneur Vellayan Subbiah won the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2024 in Monaco, becoming the fourth Indian to receive this honor. He is the Executive Vice Chairman of Tube Investments of India and Chairman of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance. Chosen among 51 winners from 47 countries, Subbiah was nominated for the global award after winning the 2023 India award.**

7. Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

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



- ✓ **A new tiger reserve will be established in Uttar Pradesh due to evidence of tiger presence in Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary (SWS). Located in Shravasti, Balrampur, and Gonda districts, SWS spans 452 sq km along the Indo-Nepal border. Established in 1988, it features a mix of deciduous and semi-evergreen woodlands. SWS hosts diverse flora and fauna, including tigers, leopards, and various bird species, and is part of the Bhabar-Tarai ecosystem.**

8. Recently, where was the East Asia Summit (EAS) and ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) held?

- A. Beijing, China
- B. New Delhi, India
- C. Bangkok, Thailand
- D. Vientiane, Lao



EAST ASIA SUMMIT

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- ✓ **Secretary (East) Jaideep Mazumdar represented India at the East Asia Summit (EAS SOM) and ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF SOM) in Vientiane, Lao PDR, on June 7-8, 2024. Key issues discussed included Indo-Pacific peace, maritime security, and regional conflicts. Mazumdar emphasized EAS's role in promoting stability and highlighted India's maritime security initiatives.**

9. What is "sticky inflation"?

- A. A temporary drop in prices
- B. A phenomenon where prices adjust quickly to changes in supply and demand
- C. A phenomenon where prices do not adjust quickly to changes in supply and demand
- D. A significant decline in consumer goods prices

- ✓ **In its recent review, the RBI maintained the repo rate unchanged for the eighth consecutive time, citing concerns over sticky inflation. Sticky inflation describes prices that don't adjust promptly to supply and demand shifts, resulting in persistent inflation. Factors like rising wages and consumer prices drive this phenomenon, prompting monetary authorities to consider tightening policy and increasing interest rates to address it.**

10. Recently, which institute launched UDAAN programme to boost drone startups in India?

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Kanpur
- C. IIT Bombay
- D. IIT Roorkee



- ✓ IIT Kanpur's Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) introduces UDAAN, a program aimed at propelling drone startups in India. UDAAN, a collaboration between SIIC, Drone CoE Kanpur, and Drone Federation of India, selects 20 startups annually for intensive acceleration. Participants gain access to R&D facilities, mentorship, financing, and industry connections. It supports startups in product development, market analysis, and growth planning.

11. Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) is chaired by which authority of India?

- A. Prime Minister of India
- B. Home Minister of India
- C. Lok Sabha Speaker
- D. President of India



- ✓ Prime Minister Modi and 71 ministers were sworn in today, comprising 30 Cabinet Ministers, five with independent charge, and 36 Ministers of State. The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by the Prime Minister, is the apex body for national security appointments, defence policy, and expenditure decisions. Its members include Ministers of Defence, Home Affairs, Finance, and External Affairs. The CCS addresses defence, security, law and order, and foreign policy matters affecting India's security.

12. Which ministry conducted the 'Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES)' in India?

- A. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- B. Ministry of Agriculture
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Defence



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

- ✓ The Household Consumption Expenditure Survey by the Ministry of Statistics unveils Indian spending patterns. Food expenses, led by beverages and processed foods, account for 46% of rural and 39% of urban spending. Tamil Nadu tops in urban and rural "beverages, processed food" expenses. Non-food spending, notably on conveyance and durable goods, has risen, exceeding 50% for the first time in 2022-23. Rural expenditure surged by 164% to Rs 3,773, while urban rose by 146% to Rs 6,459 from 2011-12 to 2022-23, indicating a notable consumption growth trend.

13. What was the main objective of 'Operation Bluestar', recently in news due to its 40th anniversary?

- A. To capture group of militants in Kashmir
- B. To root out Sikh separatists from the Golden Temple
- C. To protect the Indian Parliament from attack
- D. To suppress a communist uprising in West Bengal



- ✓ Slogans advocating Khalistan were raised at the Golden Temple during the 40th anniversary of Operation Bluestar. This military action, ordered by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in June 1984, aimed to remove Sikh separatists led by Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale from the temple. The operation, marked by intense fighting, caused extensive damage to the temple complex and resulted in civilian casualties. It ultimately led to Indira Gandhi's assassination and remains a contentious event in Sikh history.

14. Which organization recently released the 'State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2024' report?

- A. World Bank
- B. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- C. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- D. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



- ✓ The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2024, a flagship report of the FAO, analyzes global trends. In 2022, total aquatic production reached 223.2 million tonnes, with aquaculture surpassing capture fisheries for the first time. China led production (36%), followed by India, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Peru. Inland fisheries, primarily in Asia and Africa, yielded 11.3 million tonnes.

15. Rajaji Raghav Biosphere Reserve, recently designated as India's first private biosphere, is located in which state?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ The Rajaji Raghav Biosphere within Uttarakhand's Rajaji National Park spans 35 acres, focusing on rare and endangered native trees. Founded by environmentalists Jai Dhar Gupta and Vijay Dhasmana, it's India's first biosphere within a tiger reserve. It restores barren land by removing non-native eucalyptus trees and employs water retention techniques.

16. Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement), recently seen in news, is associated with which organization?

- A. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- B. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C. World Trade Organization (WTO)
- D. International Labour Organization (ILO)



- ✓ India and the US settled their poultry import dispute at the WTO, resolving all seven disputes. The Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement), enforced since January 1, 1995, governs food safety, animal, and plant health standards.
- ✓ The Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) is a World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement that establishes rules for the development, adoption, and enforcement of measures to protect human, animal, and plant life and health.

17. Greater adjutant belongs to which species?

- A. Fish
- B. Spider
- C. Stork
- D. Ant



- ✓ Urbanization threatens the survival of greater adjutant storks in Assam's wetlands. Found in South and Southeast Asia, they nest in tall trees near wetlands, feeding mainly on fish, frogs, and carrion. Threats include habitat loss, overfishing, and pollution. Classified as Near Threatened by the IUCN, they play a vital role in sanitation and disease control.

18. Who won the men's singles title at the Heilbronn Neckarcup 2024 Challenger Tennis tournament in Germany?

- A. Alexander Ritschard
- B. Nikoloz Basilashvili
- C. Sumit Nagal
- D. Ramesh Krishnan



- ✓ Sumit Nagal clinched his sixth ATP Challenger title at the Heilbronn Neckarcup 2024 in Germany, defeating Alexander Ritschard in three sets. This victory is expected to elevate Nagal's ATP ranking, potentially securing his spot in the 2024 Summer Paris Olympics. It marks his fourth clay court title and second win in 2024.

19. Recently, which country's former Prime Minister has been elected as the President of the upcoming 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)?

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



- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) elected Philemon Yang, the former Prime Minister of Cameroon, as the President of the 79th session of the UNGA. The session is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 and end on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 in New York City. Yang will hold the mainly ceremonial office for one year. UN Secretary-General António Guterres described Yang as a "proud African dedicated to the future of his continent" with a wealth of experience.

20. Recently, who won the Norway Chess tournament 2024 with 17.5 points?

- A. R Praggnanandhaa
- B. Magnus Carlsen
- C. Fabiano Caruana
- D. Gukesh D



- ✓ Magnus Carlsen won the Norway Chess 2024 crown for the sixth time, securing victory in an Armageddon tie-breaker against Fabiano Caruana. Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa finished third, three points behind Carlsen, after defeating Hikaru Nakamura in the final round. In the women's section, India's R Vaishali placed fourth, and GM Koneru Humpy finished fifth. The tournament, held in Stavanger, featured several thrilling games in the final round.

21. Who became the first woman helicopter pilot of the Indian Navy?

- A. Mohana Singh
- B. Anamika B Rajeev
- C. Priya Paul
- D. Archana Kapoor



- ✓ Sub Lieutenant Anamika B. Rajeev made history at INS Rajali, Arakkonam, by becoming the first woman in the Indian Navy to fly a helicopter. This milestone was achieved during the 102nd Helicopter Conversion Course's passing out parade. Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar awarded "Golden Wings" to 21 officers at the event, which marked the end of Stage I training for the 4th Basic Helicopter Conversion Course on June 7.

22. Recently, Prem Singh Tamang became the Chief Minister of which Himalayan state?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Sikkim
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Meghalaya



- ✓ Prem Singh Tamang of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) was sworn in as Chief Minister of Sikkim for a second term on June 10. The 56-year-old took the oath in Nepali, administered by Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya at Paljor Stadium, Gangtok. Eleven other ministers, including Sonam Lama and Arun Kumar Upreti, were also sworn in.

23. Recently, a rare four-horned antelope has been sighted for the first time in which tiger reserve of Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve
- B. Kanha Tiger Reserve
- C. Pench Tiger Reserve
- D. Panna Tiger Reserve



- ✓ A rare four-horned antelope, also known as Chousingha, was sighted for the first time in Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve, previously Nauradehi Sanctuary. The smallest Asian antelope, Tetracerus quadricornis, is endemic to India and Nepal. These antelopes inhabit dry, deciduous forests and hilly terrains with significant grass or undergrowth cover. Distinguished by four horns, only males grow them. The species is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List.

24. 'AIM – ICDK Water Challenge 4.0', recently seen in news, is an initiative of which organization?

- A. Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. Central Pollution Control Board



- ✓ The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) under NITI Aayog launched two initiatives: the 'AIM – ICDK Water Challenge 4.0' and the fifth edition of the 'Innovations for You' handbook. The Water Challenge, in collaboration with Innovation Centre Denmark, aims to address water issues through innovative solutions. Participants will join the global Next Generation Digital Action program and showcase their work at the Digital Tech Summit in Copenhagen, focusing on sustainability and digital solutions.

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1. Where was the 112th session of the International Labour Conference (ILC) of International Labour Organisation (ILO) held recently?

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. London, UK
- C. New Delhi, India
- D. Paris, France



International
Labour
Organization

- ✓ **The Indian delegation led by Secretary Sumita Dawra attended the 112th session of the International Labour Conference in Geneva. Dawra discussed India's labour reforms, social security for informal workers, and female labour participation.**
- ✓ **Meetings with ILO leaders focused on global skills mapping, social security, green jobs, and skilled worker migration. The delegation emphasized the care sector's importance, highlighting initiatives like Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and its GDP impact.**

2. Recently, which armed force has launched 'Vidyut Rakshak', an integrated generator monitoring, protection, and control system?

- A. Indian Air Force
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Army
- D. National Security Guard



- ✓ **The Indian Army has introduced 'Vidyut Rakshak', a generator monitoring, protection, and control system developed by the Army Design Bureau. Utilizing IoT technology, it automates operations, predicts faults, and works with all generator types, aiming to save manpower. Part of the 'Year of Tech Absorption', it highlights the Army's tech commitment. Vidyut Rakshak, showcased at Aero India 2023, is now in use by the Army.**

3. Ghataprabha River is a tributary of which river?

- A. Krishna
- B. Godavari
- C. Kaveri
- D. Narmada



- ✓ **Nine people were rescued by locals after a tractor overturned into the Ghataprabha River, a tributary of the Krishna River in Karnataka. The river originates in the Western Ghats, flows east for 283 kilometers, and joins the Krishna River. It drops 53 meters at Gokak Falls in Belgaum District. The river basin spans 8,829 square kilometers across Karnataka and Maharashtra, with tributaries including the Hiranyakeshi and Markandeya Rivers.**

4. What is the primary aim of the PM Kisan Nidhi scheme?

- A. To provide education to farmers children
- B. To supplement financial needs of land-holding farmers families
- C. To offer health insurance to farmers
- D. To provide employment to farmers



- ✓ **The Prime Minister released the 17th installment of the PM Kisan Nidhi scheme. This Central Sector Scheme, managed by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, aims to support land-holding farmers' financial needs. It provides income support of Rs 6,000 annually, distributed in three Rs 2,000 installments every four months. Beneficiaries include all eligible landholding farmer families, excluding those of higher economic status.**
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5. What is 'Xylitol'?

- A. Asteroid
- B. Artificial sweetener
- C. Vaccine for Malaria
- D. Invasive weed



- ✓ **A recent study indicates that artificial sweetener xylitol could pose health risks, elevating the likelihood of cardiovascular events like heart attacks and strokes. Xylitol, a sugar alcohol, is widely used as a sweetener in sugar-free chewing gums, diabetes-friendly foods, and oral-care products. It combines traits of sugar and alcohol molecules and is sourced naturally or artificially from plant materials.**
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6. Iga Swiatek, who recently won French Open 2024 women's title, belongs to which country?

- A. Ireland
- B. Poland
- C. China
- D. India



- ✓ **Iga Swiatek, 23, secured her third consecutive French Open women's title by defeating Jasmine Paolini. Making history, she's the first woman since Justine Henin (2005-2007) to achieve this feat. Swiatek, hailing from Poland, currently holds the World No. 1 rank in women's singles as per the Women's Tennis Association.**
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7. Which ministries have initiated the preparations for organisation of International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2024?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of AYUSH
- B. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and the Ministry of AYUSH
- C. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and the Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of AYUSH



- ✓ **The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (I&B) and the Ministry of AYUSH are gearing up for International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2024, slated for June 21. Reviewing preparations, Secretary Sanjay Jaju (I&B) and Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha (AYUSH) focused on media and outreach plans.**
- ✓ **Various media units under I&B, including Prasar Bharati and New Media Wing, will promote Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) benefits. Prasar Bharati will broadcast special programs via Doordarshan and All India Radio. AYUSH will share the 'Yoga Geet' across platforms.**

8. Which IIT is recently collaborated with NASA to study multi-drug resistant pathogens on the International Space Station (ISS)?

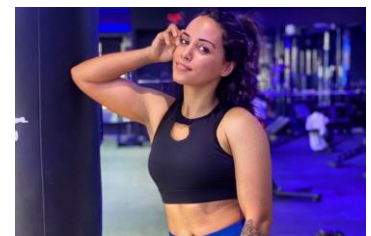
- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Kanpur
- C. IIT Ahmedabad
- D. IIT Madras



- ✓ **IIT Madras and NASA's JPL researchers are investigating multi-drug resistant pathogens aboard the International Space Station (ISS), with potential implications for astronaut health and Earth. The study, focused on Enterobacter bugandensis, a common pathogen on the ISS surfaces, delves into genomic, functional, and metabolic enhancements of these pathogens. The findings could aid in developing strategies to combat drug-resistant infections both in space and on Earth.**

9. Recently, who has made history as the first Indian Mixed martial arts (MMA) fighter to win in the UFC?

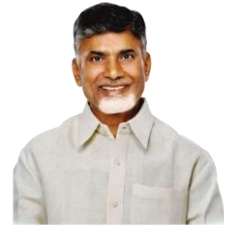
- A. Pooja Tomar
- B. Rajani Deory
- C. Roshibina Devi
- D. Nyeman Wangsu



- ✓ **Puja Tomar, hailing from Budhana, Uttar Pradesh, made history as the first Indian MMA fighter to win in the UFC. Before UFC, she secured five national Wushu titles. Her recent victory against Rayanne Dos Santos showcased her resilience, winning via split decision with scores of 30-27, 27-30, and 29-28.**

10. Recently, Chandrababu Naidu became the Chief Minister of which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Telangana
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ **N Chandrababu Naidu, TDP national president, was sworn in as Chief Minister of residual Andhra Pradesh for the second time on June 12 by Governor S. Abdul Nazeer. The ceremony took place at Kesarapalle near Vijayawada. This marks Naidu's fourth term as Chief Minister in his over four-decade political career, having served twice in combined Andhra Pradesh and now twice in residual Andhra Pradesh.**

11. Saulos Klaus Chilima, who recently passed away in a plane crash, was the Vice President of which country?

- A. Rwanda
- B. Mauritius
- C. Malawi
- D. Tanzania



- ✓ **Malawi's Vice President Saulos Klaus Chilima and nine others died in a plane crash. The military aircraft left Lilongwe but couldn't land at Mzuzu due to poor visibility and lost contact after being ordered back. President Lazarus Chakwera confirmed the wreckage was found in Chikangawa Forest with no survivors. Chilima, once a potential presidential candidate, was cleared of graft charges last month.**

12. Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ **The Madhya Pradesh government has prepared the Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary to become a new cheetah habitat. Teams from Kenya and South Africa assessed the site, and prey animals were relocated from other tiger reserves. Eight Namibian cheetahs were released at Kuno National Park in 2022, followed by 12 more from South Africa in 2023.**

13. Recently, where was the 'Japan India Maritime Exercise 2024 (JIMEX-24)' started?

- A. Gujarat, India
- B. Yokosuka, Japan
- C. Tokyo, Japan
- D. Chennai, India



- ✓ The 8th Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX-24) has commenced in Yokosuka, Japan. Hosted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF), it features the Indian Navy's INS Shivalik and JMSDF's JS Yugiri. The exercise includes harbour and sea phases, focusing on naval interaction and warfighting skills, aiming to enhance interoperability and strengthen defense ties between Japan and India.

14. Recently, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has declared which year as the 'International Year of Quantum Science and Technology'?

- A. 2024
- B. 2025
- C. 2026
- D. 2027



- ✓ The UN General Assembly has declared 2025 the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology. This decision, made on June 7, 2024, aims to raise public awareness, encourage youth involvement, and support quantum science applications. The year marks the centenary of Werner Heisenberg's foundational quantum mechanics paper. Additionally, 2025 is designated for cooperatives, peace and trust, and glacier preservation, while 2024 celebrates camelids.

15. Recently, Mohan Charan Majhi was sworn in as the Chief Minister of which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ Mohan Charan Majhi of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was sworn in as Odisha's chief minister on June 12, 2024, by Governor Raghubar Das. He is the first BJP leader and the third tribal to hold this position. Two deputy chief ministers, Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo and Pravati Parida, were also sworn in. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, J.P. Nadda, and nine BJP state chief ministers attended the ceremony.

16. Which day is observed as 'World Day Against Child Labour' every year?

- A. June.11
- B. June.12
- C. June.13
- D. June.14



- ✓ **World Day Against Child Labour is observed annually on 12 June to focus on ending child labour. Initiated by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in 2002, the day highlights global efforts to protect children. The 2024 theme, "Let's act on our commitments: End Child Labour," marks the 25th anniversary of the ILO's Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention. The ILO headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland.**

17. Recently, where was the foreign minister meeting of the BRICS countries held?

- A. St. Petersburg, Russia
- B. Guangzhou, China
- C. Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
- D. Bengaluru, India



- ✓ **The first BRICS ministerial meeting with new members Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE was held in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, on 10-11 June 2024. Russia, the current BRICS chairman, hosted the meeting to prepare for the 16th annual BRICS summit in October 2024. The 15th BRICS summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, in August 2023, had invited six countries to join.**

18. World Migration Report and Migration Health Annual Report are published by which organization?

- A. International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- B. International Labour Organization (ILO)
- C. World Bank
- D. UNICEF



- ✓ **At least 49 migrants died and 140 others went missing after a boat capsized off Yemen's coast, the UN migration agency reported on June 11. The International Organization for Migration (IOM), established in 1951 and headquartered in Geneva, aids governments and migrants. With 175 member states, it focuses on migration health, emergency operations, migration development, and counter-trafficking.**

19. Which organization recently released "Raising Ambition, Accelerating Action: Towards Enhanced NDCs for Forests" report?

- A. UN Development Programme (UNDP)
- B. UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
- C. International Labour Organization (ILO)
- D. World Meteorological Organization (WMO)



- ✓ The UNEP report "Raising Ambition, Accelerating Action: Towards Enhanced NDCs for Forests" highlights significant gaps in forest protection in current Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). From 2019-2023, tropical deforestation emitted 5.6 billion tonnes of CO2 annually in the top 20 countries. Agriculture and weak land-use policies are major deforestation drivers.

20. What is the position of India in the Global Gender Gap Index 2024?

- A. 123
- B. 132
- C. 111
- D. 129



- ✓ India dropped to 129th place on the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap index, with Iceland maintaining the top spot. In South Asia, India ranks fifth, trailing Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Bhutan. Pakistan ranks last globally. Economically, India, along with Bangladesh, Sudan, Iran, Pakistan, and Morocco, exhibits low gender parity. The WEF estimates it will take 134 years to achieve full gender parity at the current pace, with a 68.5% gap closure globally.

21. Pema Khandu recently became the Chief Minister of which Northeastern state?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Manipur
- D. Mizoram



- ✓ Chief Minister Pema Khandu was sworn in for a third consecutive term on June 13, 2024, at the DK State Convention Centre in Itanagar. He announced that the Bharatiya Janata Party's election manifesto will guide Arunachal Pradesh's new government for the next five years.

22. Which country will host men's Junior Hockey World Cup in 2025?

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. India
- D. Malaysia



- ✓ The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has chosen India to host the inaugural FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup, featuring 24 teams, in December 2025. This decision aligns with FIH's strategy to expand opportunities and promote diversity in hockey.
- ✓ FIH President Tayyab Ikram and Hockey India's President Dr. Dilip Tirkey emphasized the event's significance and India's commitment to fostering global hockey talent. India has previously hosted the tournament thrice, winning twice.

23. Which organization recently released 'Global Economic Prospects' report?

- A. World Bank B. UNEP
C. UNDP D. ILO



- ✓ The World Bank's June 2024 Global Economic Prospects report revised India's GDP growth forecast for 2024-25 to 6.6%, up from 6.4% in January. India is projected to remain the fastest-growing major economy in 2024-25. For 2025-26, the forecast increased to 6.7% from 6.5%. India's economy grew by 8.2% in 2023-24, per the NSO. The Reserve Bank of India raised its 2024-25 forecast to 7.2%.

24. Recently, who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Army Staff?

- A. Mukesh Chadha B. Upendra Dwivedi
C. Dheerendra Singh D. Manjit Kumar



- ✓ Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi has been appointed as the Chief of the Army Staff, succeeding General Manoj C Pande. Born on July 1, 1964, he joined the Infantry (Jammu and Kashmir Rifles) in 1984. With nearly 40 years of service, he held key roles such as Director General Infantry and GOC-in-C Northern Command.

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1. Which state recently launched the 'Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina' scheme to promote girl education in the state?

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



- ✓ The Assam government launched the Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina scheme in June, 2024, to promote girl education and end child marriage.
- ✓ Approved by the state cabinet, the scheme offers financial support to around 10 lakh girl students. Girls in higher secondary education will receive Rs 1000 monthly, those in degree courses Rs 1200, and those in Post Graduation or B. Ed programs Rs 2500.

2. Which organization recently collaborated with the National Commission for Indian Medical Systems to organize the 'PRANA' conference?

- A. All India Council for Technical Education
- B. Central Drugs Standard Control Organization
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Ministry of Education



- ✓ The National Commission for Indian Medical Systems held a two-day National Conference, 'PRANA' (Protecting Rights and Novelties in ASUS), in collaboration with the All-India Council for Technical Education and the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell to mark its fourth foundation. The conference highlighted patentable innovations suitable for commercialization and startups in the Indian System of Medicines.

3. Global Gender Gap Report 2024, recently released by which organization?

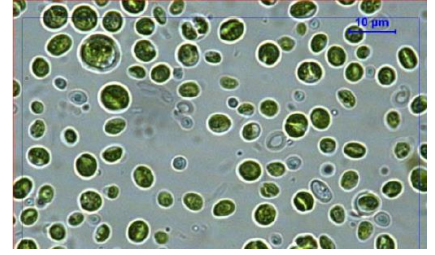
- A. World Economic Forum
- B. World Meteorological Organization
- C. International Labour Organization
- D. World Bank



- ✓ In India's new cabinet, only two out of 30 ministers are women, down from 10 previously. The Global Gender Gap Report 2024 by the World Economic Forum underscores global gender disparities. Iceland leads as the most gender-equal country for the 14th year, with India ranking 129th. India's slight decline in the index reflects setbacks in educational attainment and political empowerment, despite marginal improvements in economic participation and opportunity.

4. What is 'Chlorella sorokiniana'?

- A. Microalgae
- B. Bacteria
- C. Amoeba
- D. Fungi



- ✓ Scientists from CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology highlighted Chlorella Growth Factor (CGF), derived from microalgae 'Chlorella sorokiniana', as beneficial for food and feed applications. Microalgae, microscopic and mostly unicellular, thrive in diverse aquatic environments and lack roots or stems. They are crucial in ecosystems as primary producers, offering nutritional benefits due to their richness in lipids, proteins, and pigments. Examples include Spirulina and Chlorella, commonly used as dietary supplements for their health benefits.

5. Which country became the first country to adopt the India's 'Jan Aushadhi Scheme'?

- A. Maldives
- B. Mauritius
- C. Bhutan
- D. Nepal



- ✓ India's 'Jan Aushadhi Scheme' aims to provide affordable generic medicines through Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs). Mauritius adopted the scheme, becoming the first country outside India to do so. Nepal is now in talks with India to establish similar centers, enhancing access to low-cost, high-quality medicines. With over 10,000 PMBJKs across India, the scheme aims to reduce healthcare costs and promote generic medicine use, managed by the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau.

6. Visakhapatnam port has secured which place in the Container Port Performance Index?

- A. 18th
- B. 17th
- C. 15th
- D. 19th



- ✓ The World Bank, in collaboration with S&P Global Market Intelligence, launched the Container Port Performance Index (CPPI), utilizing data from 405 global ports, the largest dataset of its kind. Visakhapatnam Port achieved a notable ranking of 19 in this index, reflecting its efficiency and infrastructure quality in handling container traffic.
- ✓ This assessment provides insights into global port operations, aiding in strategic improvements for enhanced trade facilitation and logistics management.

7. According to a global assessment of Nitrous Oxide (N₂O) emissions, which country is the world's second largest source of nitrous oxide (N₂O)?

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



- ✓ **India ranks as the world's second largest emitter of nitrous oxide (N₂O), a potent greenhouse gas. In 2020, India contributed nearly 11% of global man-made N₂O emissions, following China's 16%. These emissions primarily stem from nitrogen-based fertilizers and animal manure used in agriculture. Despite this, India's per capita emissions are relatively low at 0.8 kg/person compared to other top emitters like China, the US, Brazil, and Russia.**

8. Recently, scientists from the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) have discovered three new craters on which planet?

- A. Venus
- B. Earth
- C. Mars
- D. Saturn



- ✓ **Scientists from the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) in Ahmedabad discovered three craters on Mars within the Tharsis Volcanic Region, known for extensive lava flows. Named Lal, Mursan, and Hilsa, these craters offer insights into Martian surface geology and age. These discoveries contribute to our understanding of Mars' stable crust and geological processes, contrasting with Earth's active geology and erosion.**

9. What is the theme of 'International Fatty Liver Day 2024'?

- A. Act Now, Screen Today
- B. Be Vigilant, Do Regular Liver Check-ups
- C. Keep your liver healthy and disease-free
- D. Do Regular Liver Check-up



- ✓ **June 13 is observed as International Fatty Liver Day with the theme 'Act Now, Screen Today'. Fatty liver disease, or steatosis, involves the accumulation of excessive fat in liver cells, which can lead to inflammation and serious complications if untreated. It can be caused by alcohol abuse (alcoholic steatohepatitis) or other factors (non-alcoholic steatohepatitis, NASH). Awareness and early screening are crucial to prevent liver damage and manage this common global health issue.**

10. Abua Awas Scheme is associated with which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Haryana
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Bihar



- ✓ **Jharkhand's Chief Minister has directed officials to expedite the construction of 2 lakh houses under the 'Abua Awas' scheme's first phase, launched in November 2023 to aid those excluded from PM Awas Yojana benefits. The state plans to allocate over Rs 15,000 crore over two years from its funds to provide three-room houses to the needy, including laborers, farmers, tribals, and Dalits.**

11. What is the name of the mobile app recently launched by NCRB to provide information about new criminal laws?

- A. NCRB Samarth
- B. NCRB Sahayak
- C. NCRB Sangrah
- D. NCRB Sankalan of Criminal Laws



- ✓ **The NCRB has launched the "NCRB Sankalan of Criminal Laws" mobile app to provide comprehensive information on new criminal laws, effective from next month. The app compiles the Bharatiya Nayaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, with features like chapter and section indexing, old-to-new law comparison charts, and offline functionality. Available on Google Play and Apple App Store, it benefits the public, court officers, advocates, law students, and police officers.**

12. What is 'Nagashtra-1'?

- A. Earth observation satellite
- B. Man-portable suicide drones
- C. Nuclear ballistic submarine
- D. Exoplanet



- ✓ **The Indian Army has received Nagashtra-1, a unique man-portable suicide drone designed to target launch pads, enemy camps, and infiltrators safely. Under Emergency Procurement Powers, the Army ordered 480 Loiter Munitions from Solar Industries' Economics Explosives Ltd (EEL).**

13. Which state government recently launched "Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom" scheme to improve soil health?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched the “Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom” plan to promote sustainable farming in state with a ₹206 crore budget. A key focus is improving soil health using green manure methods. A ₹20 crore start-up fund will support the distribution of green manure seeds across 200,000 acres from 2024–25, benefiting over 200,000 farmers directly.

14. Recently, who won the FIDE under-20 Girl's World Chess Championship 2024?

- A. Mariam Mkrtchyan
- B. Salonika Saina
- C. Divya Deshmukh
- D. Shubhi Gupta



- ✓ 18-year-old Nagpur girl and International Master Divya Deshmukh won the FIDE U-20 Girl's World Chess Championship, becoming the fourth Indian woman to do so. The tournament, held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from June 2-13, 2024, featured 230 players from 44 countries. Divya remained unbeaten, finishing with 10 points out of 11. Grand Master Kazybek Nogerbek from Kazakhstan won the men's title. Divya will compete in the 2024 Chess Olympiad in Budapest.

15. Which day is observed as 'World Blood Donor Day' annually?

- A. June.14
- B. June.15
- C. June.16
- D. June.17



- ✓ World Blood Donor Day is observed annually on June 14 to raise awareness about the importance of donating safe blood. Initiated by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2004, the day honors Austrian biologist Karl Landsteiner, born on June 14, 1886. In 2005, the World Health Assembly officially recognized the day. The 2024 theme is "20 years of celebrating giving: thank you, blood donors," marking the 20th anniversary of the observance.

16. Recently, which ministry released the first All-India survey on 'AYUSH'?

- A. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- B. Ministry of AYUSH
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the first All-India survey on AYUSH, conducted by the National Sample Survey Office from July 2022 to June 2023. Key findings reveal that 95% of rural and 96% of urban populations aged 15 and above are aware of AYUSH.

- ✓ Predominantly used for rejuvenation, AYUSH's usage and expenditure are higher in urban areas. AYUSH includes Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa, and Homoeopathy, offering cost-effective treatments with negligible side effects.

17. Recently, the United Nations declared which year as the 'International Year of Camelids (IYC)' to raise awareness of untapped potential of camelids?

- A. 2024
- B. 2025
- C. 2026
- D. 2027



- ✓ The United Nations declared 2024 as the International Year of Camelids (IYC) to raise awareness about the crucial role these animals play in the lives of millions of people, particularly in harsh environments. The IYC aims to highlight the untapped potential of camelids and encourage increased investment in the camelid sector.

18. What is the primary objective of the GREAT Scheme?

- A. To support traditional textile industries in UAE
- B. To develop a startup ecosystem in technical textiles
- C. To promote agricultural products across urban India
- D. To export Indian Medicines globally



- ✓ The Empowered Programme Committee of the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) has approved seven startup proposals under the GREAT scheme. GREAT (Grant for Research & Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles) is part of NTTM's Research, Development, and Innovation Component, led by the Ministry of Textiles. It offers grants-in-aid of up to INR 50 lakhs over 18 months to harness India's technical textiles sector expertise for innovative product and technology development.

19. Recently, which telescope of NASA's observed the symbiotic system HM Sagittae (HM Sge) in Milky Way Galaxy?

- A. Hubble Space Telescope
- B. Broad Band X-ray Telescope
- C. Spitzer Space Telescope
- D. Compton Gamma Ray Observatory



- ✓ NASA's Hubble Space Telescope studied HM Sagittae (HM Sge), a symbiotic binary star system in the Milky Way. It features a white dwarf and a red giant. White dwarfs are remnants of stars that have burned, while red giants are stars in their final stage. In HM Sge, material from the red giant forms an accretion disk around the white dwarf after being drawn in by its gravitational pull.

20. Recently, which country became the 43rd signatory nation to NASA's Artemis Accords for lunar exploration?

- A. China
- B. Russia
- C. Armenia
- D. Austria



- ✓ Armenia became the 43rd signatory of NASA's Artemis Accords for lunar exploration. Established in 2020 with seven founding nations, the Accords are based on the 1967 Outer Space Treaty. They are a non-binding set of principles for civil space exploration, promoting peaceful, sustainable, and transparent cooperation in space. Notable signatories include India, the UAE, and the UK.

21. Recently, the WHO has designated which medical institute as a WHO Collaborating Centre (CC) for "Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine" ?

- A. National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH), Hyderabad
- B. National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur
- C. AIIMS, Delhi
- D. KGMU, Lucknow



- ✓ The World Health Organization has designated the National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH), Hyderabad, as a WHO Collaborating Centre for "Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine" from June 3, 2024, for four years. Established in 1956, NIIMH documents medico-historical research in various traditional Indian healthcare systems.

22. Recently, Cyril Ramaphosa has been re-elected as the President of which country?

- A. Kenya
- B. Rwanda
- C. South Africa
- D. Nigeria



- ✓ Cyril Ramaphosa secured a second term as South Africa's President on June 14, 2024, after a coalition deal between the ANC, Democratic Alliance (DA), and other smaller parties. The ANC, for the first time since 1996, failed to secure a parliamentary majority, obtaining only 40% of the votes in the May 29, 2024 election. Ramaphosa first became President on February 15, 2018.

23. Which organization and Sansad TV recently signed an agreement to make Indian art and culture more accessible to the people?

- A. Lalit Kala Academy
- B. Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)
- C. Sangeet Natak Academy
- D. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)

- ✓ Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Sansad TV signed an agreement to make Indian art and culture more accessible. IGNCA-produced programs will be aired on Sansad TV. The MoU was signed by Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi (IGNCA) and Mr. Rajat Punhani (Sansad TV). Both expressed happiness over this collaboration, aiming to produce and broadcast various cultural programs and utilize IGNCA's archive.

24. Which country hosted the 50th G7 leaders summit?

- A. Italy
- B. France
- C. India
- D. Canada



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the G7 Outreach session in Borgo Egnazia, Italy, on June 14, discussing AI, energy, Africa, and the Mediterranean. Invited by Italian PM Giorgia Meloni, Modi met leaders including Emmanuel Macron, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and Rishi Sunak. The 50th G7 Summit ran from June 13-15 in Apulia, Italy.

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