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FOURTH WEEK CURRENT AFFAIRS



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1. What is the theme of 'International Yoga Day 2024'?

- A. Yoga for Self and Society
- B. Yoga is way of life
- C. Yoga for humanity
- D. Yoga for Wellness



- ✓ The theme for Yoga Day 2024 is 'Yoga for Self and Society', emphasizing its holistic benefits for health and well-being. Established by the United Nations in 2014, at the suggestion of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the International Day of Yoga is celebrated annually on June 21, coinciding with the summer solstice. This day highlights yoga's transformative power and its role in promoting balance and harmony in individuals and communities worldwide.

2. Swami Vivekananda Nishakt Swavalamban Protsahan Scheme is a social security scheme of which state?

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



- ✓ In Khunti district, Jharkhand, individuals with sickle cell anemia will receive a monthly pension of Rs 1,000 under the Swami Vivekananda Nishakt Swawlamban Protsahan Scheme. The district administration has initially identified nine beneficiaries from various blocks. Pension eligibility is based on disability certificates, benefiting those severely affected by the condition.

3. Recently, the Union Cabinet approved Rs 2869.65 Crore development plan for Lal Bahadur Shastri International airport. It is located in which city?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Ayodhya
- C. Indore
- D. Bhopal



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved a Rs 2869.65 crore development plan for Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Varanasi. Managed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the project aims to expand passenger capacity significantly. Key features include a new terminal spanning 75,000 square meters, lengthened runways, and an enlarged apron. The airport will handle 6 million passengers annually, with eco-friendly measures like energy efficiency, waste recycling, and solar power adoption promoting sustainability and enhancing traveler experience.

4. Recently, how much funding has approved by Asian Development Bank (ADB) to improve India's health system preparedness?

- A. \$140 million
- B. \$150 million
- C. \$160 million
- D. \$170 million

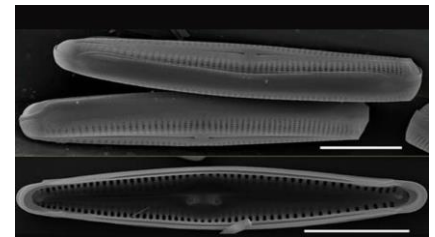


ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has granted India a significant loan of USD 170 million (approximately Rs 1,418 crore) to enhance its healthcare system's readiness and response capabilities for future pandemics.
- ✓ Aligned with India's National Health Policy 2017, the policy-based loan aims to improve governance and policy frameworks essential for achieving universal healthcare coverage. Key initiatives include strengthening disease surveillance networks nationwide through interconnected laboratories, enabling quicker responses to infectious disease threats across cities, states, and union territories.

5. What is "Indiconema"?

- A. New genus of the *Gomphonemoid diatom*
- B. Newly discovered species of spider
- C. Nuclear ballistic submarine
- D. Ancient irrigation technique



- ✓ Researchers discovered a new diatom genus, Indiconema, in the clean water rivers of India's Eastern Ghats. Diatoms are photosynthetic, single-celled organisms essential to the aquatic food chain and sensitive indicators of water health. Indiconema, differing from others by having pore fields at both poles, was also found in the Western Ghats. It is morphologically related to the East African genus Afrocybella.

6. Which institute recently signed an MoU with National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to enhance road safety through AI?

- A. IIT, Kanpur
- B. IIIT, Delhi
- C. IIM, Ahmedabad
- D. IIT, Bombay



- ✓ The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed an MoU with Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (IIIT Delhi) to enhance road safety using AI-based solutions to improve road sign availability on national highways. The project will cover approximately 25,000 km. IIIT Delhi will conduct surveys to collect imagery and data on road sign conditions along selected highway stretches.

7. Mudgal Fort is located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ **Mudgal Fort in Karnataka showcases India's rich historical and cultural heritage, reflecting its architectural, cultural, and historical significance. The fort has a 1,000-year history, linked to the Chalukyas, Rashtrakutas, Bahmani Sultans, and Vijayanagara Empire.**
- ✓ **It became a strategic battleground between the Vijayanagara Empire and Adil Shahi Sultanate, witnessing 11 battles due to its pivotal location in the fertile, mineral-rich Raichur Doab between the Tungabhadra and Krishna rivers.**

8. Recently, which country has become the first in 2024 and the 51st globally to eliminate a neglected tropical disease- the gambiense form of human African trypanosomiasis?

- A. Nigeria
- B. Chad
- C. Kenya
- D. Tanzania



- ✓ **In 2024, Chad became the first country and the 51st globally to eliminate a neglected tropical disease, the gambiense form of human African trypanosomiasis (HAT), also known as sleeping sickness. HAT is caused by protozoan parasites transmitted by tsetse flies and is endemic in sub-Saharan Africa. The gambiense form, found in 24 West and Central African countries, causes chronic illness, while the rhodesiense form, found in 13 East and Southern African countries, causes acute disease.**

9. Hooch tragedy, recently occurred in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Bihar
- C. Gujarat
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ **In Tamil Nadu's Kallakurichi, at least 34 people died, and around 100 were hospitalized after consuming spurious liquor, known as hooch. Hooch, derived from the Alaskan Hoochinoo tribe, is produced in crude settings without quality control. Made through fermentation and distillation, it often contains toxic methanol. Improper distillation can concentrate methanol, making it highly dangerous. The incident underscores the lethal risks of consuming illicit alcohol.**

10. Kolar Gold Fields is located in which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Assam
- C. Punjab
- D. Karnataka



- ✓ The Karnataka government approved the Centre's proposal to revive gold mining at Kolar Gold Fields (KGF). Located 100 km from Bangalore in Kolar district, KGF mines are among the world's deepest, operated by Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML), a public sector undertaking established in 1972. Mining here is costly due to the depth of the ore.

11. Barda Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

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



- ✓ Six Asiatic lions recently migrated from Gir Forest to Barda Wildlife Sanctuary (BWS). These endangered lions, slightly smaller than African lions, are protected under IUCN's Endangered status, CITES Appendix I, and India's Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. The Gir forest and other protected areas in Gujarat's Saurashtra region are their exclusive habitats.

12. Which organization recently released the 'World Investment Report 2024'?

- A. UNCTAD
- B. UNDP
- C. UNEP
- D. UNICEF



- ✓ The UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2024 reveals a 2% global decline in foreign direct investment (FDI) flows in 2023, with significant drops noted in India. Funding for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) investments via sustainable finance products is also slowing. Established in 1964, UNCTAD aids developing nations in accessing the advantages of a global economy equitably.

13. Which organization has recently released the snow update 'Hindu Kush Himalaya' between 2003-2024?

- A. UNEP
- B. International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
- C. Greenpeace India
- D. World Bank



- ✓ The ICIMOD's Hindu Kush Himalaya snow update for 2024 reported record low snow persistence in India's Ganga River basin, alongside similar challenges in the Brahmaputra and Indus basins. The HKH region spans eight countries and is crucial for Asia's major river systems, supporting 1.9 billion people. It holds vast snow and glacier resources, essential for ecosystem services and downstream communities, making it pivotal for water supply across South and East Asia.

14. Recently, which state government has launched an intensified campaign to eradicate malaria from the state by 2027?

- A. Gujarat
B. Uttar Pradesh
C. Haryana
D. Bihar



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has launched a campaign to eliminate malaria by 2027, intensifying efforts under the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme. With 771 cases reported this year, the initiative focuses on thorough case investigation, treatment, and community education.
- ✓ Enhanced vector control measures and mosquito prevention activities are underway, crucial ahead of the monsoon. Malaria, caused by Plasmodium parasites, threatens health, with *P. falciparum* and *P. vivax* posing the highest risks among the five parasite species.

15. "One Family, One Identity" scheme is associated with which state?

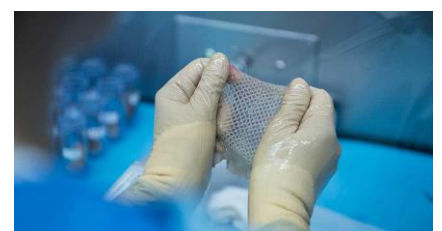
- A. Gujarat
B. Uttar Pradesh
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D. Bihar



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath pushed for the swift implementation of 'Family IDs', aiming to streamline government benefits and job opportunities. Under the "One Family, One Identity" scheme, each family receives a unique ID to enhance scheme management and ensure transparent operations. Around 15.07 crore people benefit from this initiative, leveraging Family IDs for access to the National Food Security Act.

16. Recently, which armed force launched the first-of-its-kind skin bank for the treatment of severe burn injuries in defence?

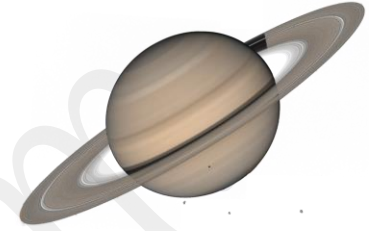
- A. Indian Air Force
B. Indian Navy
C. Indian Army
D. National Security Guard



- ✓ The Indian Army inaugurated a state-of-the-art skin bank at Army Hospital (Research & Referral) on June 18. This facility, a first within Armed Forces Medical Services, focuses on treating severe burn injuries for armed forces personnel and families. It addresses injuries from fire accidents, electrical incidents, and high-altitude kerosene warmers. The skin bank centralizes collection, processing, storage, and distribution of skin grafts.

17. Recently, a huge imbalance of energy has been detected on which planet?

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



- ✓ Researchers at the University of Houston discovered a significant seasonal energy imbalance on Saturn using data from the Cassini probe. These findings challenge existing models of gas giants' climate and planetary evolution. This discovery by Xinyue Wang highlights the influence of internal heat on Saturn's climate and reshapes understanding of planetary and atmospheric sciences in our solar system.

18. Recently, which state has established the world's first conservation and breeding centre for Asian king vultures?

- A. Gujarat
B. Uttar Pradesh
C. Haryana
D. Bihar



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh has established the world's first conservation and breeding center for Asian king vultures in Maharajganj district. Named Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre, it aims to revive the critically endangered species, listed since 2007. The vultures face threats from habitat loss and diclofenac poisoning. It aims to increase the number of eagle pairs and ensure their survival.

19. Which intergovernmental body recently won the 'Blue Planet Prize 2024'?

- A. Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
B. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
C. Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP)
D. None of the above



- ✓ The Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) was awarded the 2024 Blue Planet Prize for its role as the global authority on biodiversity, ecosystem services, and nature's contributions to people.

- ✓ Established in 1992, this prestigious award by Japan's Asahi Glass Foundation recognizes scientific contributions towards solving global environmental challenges. IPBES shares the honor with Robert Costanza from University College London for his work in ecological economics.

20. Which ministry recently launched the first National Additive Manufacturing Symposium (NAMS) 2024?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Urban Development



- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) inaugurated the first National Additive Manufacturing Symposium (NAMS) 2024, emphasizing India's commitment to advanced manufacturing. MeitY Secretary S Krishnan released an Additive Manufacturing Landscape Report and unveiled an indigenous AM machine. The symposium highlighted India's AM ecosystem, building on the 2022 National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing.

21. Which state/UT recently organized the 'Hemis festival 2024'?

- A. Ladakh
- B. Assam
- C. Manipur
- D. Lakshadweep



- ✓ The Hemis Festival, celebrating Tibetan Buddhism, occurs annually in Ladakh, India. In 2024, it celebrated on June 16th & 17th. Known as Hemis Tsechu, it commemorates Guru Padmasambhava's birth anniversary. The 2-day event fills Hemis Monastery, Ladakh's largest Buddhist monastery, with vibrant colors, music, and spiritual energy, making it a significant cultural celebration.

22. Fire Dragon 480 is a tactical ballistic missile of which country?

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



- ✓ A PLA study claims China's Fire Dragon 480 missile can sink a US Ticonderoga-class cruiser in the Red Sea. The 750-mm tactical ballistic missile, made by Norinco Group, features precision-guidance sensors and a high-speed launch platform. With a warhead over 400 kg and impact velocity over 500 meters per second, it can destroy a 10,000-ton cruiser with two hits. Adopted in 2019, it has a range exceeding 500 km.

23. Which organization recently released the "State of Global Air (SoGA) 2024"?

- A. World Bank
- B. Health Effects Institute (HEI)
- C. World Health Organization (WHO)
- D. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)



- ✓ **Air pollution is the second leading global risk factor for death, per the 2024 State of Global Air (SoGA) report by the Health Effects Institute and UNICEF. It causes non-communicable diseases like heart disease and lung cancer, with 8.1 million deaths in 2021. India and China accounted for 54% of the global air pollution disease burden. In 2021, air pollution caused 1,69,400 child deaths in India and 2,37,000 COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) deaths.**

24. Recently, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) issued a notice to which state government on custodial death row?

- A. Kerala
- B. Odisha
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ **The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) issued a notice to the Odisha government over unpaid compensation for a custodial death. From 2017 to 2022, India reported over 660 custodial deaths, with Gujarat having the highest at 80. Constitutional safeguards include Articles 14 and 21, while legal safeguards encompass Sections 330, 331 IPC, and 176 Cr.P.C. NHRC guidelines and Supreme Court rulings further protect detainees, ensuring prompt reporting and proper arrest procedures.**

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1. Which organization recently released the 'Statistical report on value of output from agriculture and allied sectors (2011-12 to 2022-23)'?

- A. NABARD
- B. National Statistics Office
- C. Food Corporation of India
- D. Ministry of Agriculture



- ✓ **The NSO released the "Statistical Report on Value of Output from Agriculture and Allied Sectors (2011-12 to 2022-23)." Key highlights include agriculture's 18.2% share of GVA in 2022-23. Sub-sector contributions are Crop (54.3%), Livestock (30.9%), Forestry (7.9%), and Fishing (6.9%). From 2011-12 to 2022-23, Crop's share declined from 62.4% to 54.3%, while Livestock, Forestry, and Fishing output increased significantly.**

2. Which firm has recently joined the Low Methane Rice project (LMRP) to promote Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) in Uttar Pradesh?

- A. KisanKraft Limited
- B. Reliance Industries
- C. Ambrosia Organic Farm
- D. TATA Group

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- ✓ **KisanKraft Limited has joined the Low Methane Rice Project (LMRP) under UP-PRAGATI Accelerator programs (UPPAP) to promote Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) in Uttar Pradesh. LMRP, an initiative by the World Bank's 2030 Water Resource Group (WRG), aims to enhance agricultural practices and boost incomes by promoting water-use efficiency and low-carbon methods.**

3. Global Gas Flaring Tracker Report 2024, recently released by which organization?

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



- ✓ **According to the World Bank's Global Gas Flaring Tracker Report, gas flaring reached 148 billion cubic meters (bcm) in 2023, the highest since 2019. Gas flaring, the burning of natural gas during oil extraction, persists due to market constraints, regulatory issues, and political factors. Although flaring safely disposes of gas, it wastes a valuable resource that could be used for power generation or conservation.**

4. Recently, which ministry inaugurated the 'Fast Track Immigration Trusted Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP)'?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Tourism
- D. Ministry of Family and Health Welfare



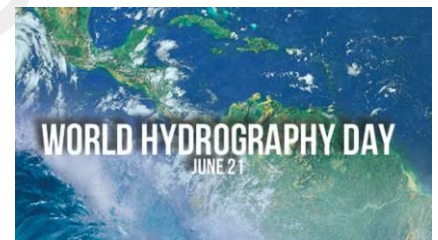
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- ✓ **Union Home Minister inaugurated the 'Fast Track Immigration – Trusted Traveller Programme' at Terminal-3 of Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. It is designed for faster, smoother and safer immigration clearance for international travellers. The FTI-TTP will be implemented through an online portal. FTI-TTP will be launched at 21 major airports in the country. In the first phase, along with Delhi Airport, it will be launched at 7 major airports - Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi and Ahmedabad.**

5. Which day is observed as 'World Hydrography Day'?

- A. June.20
- B. June.21
- C. June.22
- D. June.23



- ✓ **World Hydrography Day, observed on June 21, is led by the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) since 1921. The IHO coordinates global efforts to survey and chart seas, oceans, and navigable waters. With 100 member states, it promotes uniformity in nautical charts and best practices. India, a member since 1955, operates the Indian Naval Hydrographic Department in Kolkata, central to hydrographic surveys with a modern fleet.**

6. Recently, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship collaborated with which country to energise agriculture sector of India with emerging skills?

- A. Canada
- B. Mexico
- C. Australia
- D. New Zealand



कौशल विकास और
उद्यमशीलता मंत्रालय
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- ✓ **The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and the Australian Government held a roundtable to review the Australia-India Critical Agriculture Skills Pilot Project. Led by Atul Kumar Tiwari and Mr Mathew Johnston, the discussion focused on scaling and replicating the initiative. Representatives from NCVET, NSDC, ICAR, MoE, and ASCI attended. The project, initiated last March, identified five critical agriculture job roles through extensive consultations with 89 experts from 64 organizations.**

7. Recently, which institute's researchers have fabricated a novel device to convert infrared light into visible light?

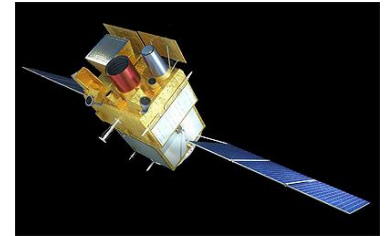
- A. Institute of Science (IISc)
- B. IIT, Delhi
- C. IIT, Kanpur
- D. IIT, Madras



- ✓ Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) developed a device that converts infrared light to visible light, potentially revolutionizing defense and optical communications. Using a 2D material, they created a non-linear optical mirror stack for up-conversion and widefield imaging. The technology employs multilayered gallium selenide on a gold reflective surface with a silicon dioxide layer, simplifying complex infrared imaging techniques.

8. Space Variable Objects Monitor (SVOM) satellite is a joint project of which two countries?

- A. China and Russia
- B. France and USA
- C. France and China
- D. USA and China



- ✓ Recently, a Long March 2-C rocket launched the French-Chinese satellite SVOM from China's Xichang Satellite Launch Center. SVOM, weighing 930 kilograms, aims to detect and study gamma-ray bursts from an orbit over 600 kilometers above Earth.
- ✓ Equipped with instruments from both nations, it has a designed life of five years but could operate up to 20 years. Gamma-ray bursts, originating from stellar explosions, offer insights into cosmic evolution by studying the light's journey through space.

9. Recently, which state government has introduced the first AI-based smart fence project, named 'Ele-fence', to reduce human-wildlife conflict?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Meghalaya
- C. Kerala
- D. Assam



- ✓ The Ele-fence project, India's first AI-based smart fence, is being deployed in Wayanad, Kerala, to mitigate human-wildlife conflict, primarily involving elephants. Implemented by White Elephant Technologies and the Kerala Forest Department, it aims to prevent crop loss and casualties caused by elephants encroaching on human habitats. The Ele-fence seeks to protect both wildlife and human livelihoods in affected areas.

10. Recently, India announced a medical e-visa facility for citizens of which country?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced an e-medical visa facility for Bangladeshi nationals and the opening of a new consulate in Rangpur, Bangladesh. This occurred during Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina's two-day state visit to India.

11. Recently, where was the '43rd World Medical and Health Games' held?

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



- ✓ At the 43rd World Medical and Health Games in Saint-Tropez, France, from June 16-23, 2024, four officers from the Armed Forces Medical Service won a record 32 medals. Lieutenant Colonel Sanjeev Malik, Major Anish George, Captain Stephen Sebastian, and Captain Dania James collectively secured 19 gold, 9 silver, and 4 bronze medals. The Medgames is the world's largest sporting event for medical and health professionals, first held in 1978.

12. Who won two bronze medals for India at the Archery World Cup 2024?

- A. Pravin Jadhav
- B. Abhishek Verma
- C. Dhiraj Bommadevara
- D. Limba Ram



- ✓ At the Archery World Cup 2024 Stage 3 in Antalya, Türkiye, 22-year-old Dhiraj Bommadevara won two bronze medals in the recurve events. India secured four medals overall: one gold, one silver, and two bronze. The Indian women's compound team, consisting of Aditi Swami, Jyothi Surekha Vennam, and Parneet Kaur, achieved a hat-trick of gold medals, marking their third consecutive win this season.

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1. What is the theme of 'International Olympics Day 2024'?

- A. Together, For a Peaceful World
- B. Let's Move and Celebrate
- C. Together for a better world
- D. Moving Forward: United by Emotion



- ✓ **Olympic Day is celebrated worldwide on June 23, marking the foundation of the International Olympic Committee in Paris in 1894. Proposed by Dr Josef Gruss in 1947, the first Olympic Day was celebrated in 1948. The 2024 theme, "Let's Move and Celebrate," encourages global participation in sports. The 33rd Summer Olympics will be held in Paris from July 26 to August 11, 2024.**

2. Recently, who was elected unanimously as the Speaker of the 16th Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly?

- A. Ashok Bendalam
- B. C Ayyannapatru
- C. Koyye Moshenu Raju
- D. Jagan Mohan Reddy



- ✓ **Telugu Desam Party's Narsipatnam MLA, C Ayyanna Patru, was unanimously elected as the Speaker of the 16th Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly on June 22, 2024. His election was unopposed as no other MLA filed a nomination for the Speaker's post.**

3. Recently, which city of Kerala has been officially declared as India's first UNESCO 'City of Literature'?

- A. Thiruvananthapuram
- B. Kozhikode
- C. Kollam
- D. Pathanamthitta



- ✓ **Kozhikode in Kerala has been declared India's first UNESCO City of Literature, joining the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN). Established in 2004, UCCN promotes urban development through creativity, encompassing nearly 300 cities globally in fields such as literature, crafts, and music. Other Indian cities in UCCN include Srinagar and Jaipur (crafts and folk arts), Mumbai (film), Chennai, Gwalior, and Varanasi (music), and Hyderabad (gastronomy).**

4. What is the primary purpose of the e-Samridhi Portal?

- A. To provide agricultural loans
- B. For registration of farmers to procure pulses at MSP
- C. To offer crop insurance
- D. To promote organic farming



- ✓ The Union Minister of Agriculture urged state governments to encourage farmers to register on the e-Samridhi portal for assured pulse procurement at Minimum Support Prices (MSP). Launched by NAFED and NCCF, the portal allows direct registration or through PACS and FPO. Payments are made directly to farmers' bank accounts by NAFED. NAFED, an apex marketing cooperative founded in 1958, promotes agricultural trade and is headquartered in New Delhi.

5. What is '*Dendrophthoe longensis*'?

- A. Fungal disease
- B. High speed attack submarine
- C. New species of plant
- D. Space exploration rover



- ✓ Indian botanists discovered two new plant species in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Arunachal Pradesh. *Dendrophthoe longensis*, an aerial stem-parasitic plant, was found on mango trees in the evergreen forests of the Andamans. *Petrocosmea arunachalense*, a small, white, and hairy herb with purple blotches, was discovered in a cave in Arunachal Pradesh. It is only the second known *Petrocosmea* species in India.

6. Indus Water Treaty (IWT) is a treaty signed between which two countries?

- A. India and China
- B. India and Pakistan
- C. India and Nepal
- D. India and Bhutan



- ✓ A Pakistani delegation recently arrived in Jammu to discuss the 1960 Indus Water Treaty (IWT) with India. Signed by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and President Ayub Khan, the treaty regulates the distribution of the Indus River system's waters. India received waters from the Beas, Ravi, and Sutlej rivers, while Pakistan received waters from the Chenab, Indus, and Jhelum rivers. The Permanent Indus Commission oversees the treaty's implementation.

7. Which day is observed as 'United Nations Public Service Day' annually?

- A. June.21
- B. June.22
- C. June.23
- D. June.24



- ✓ United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated globally on June 23rd to highlight the importance of public service and honor the dedication of public servants. The day aims to celebrate the value of public service to communities, showcase its contribution to development, honor the work of public servants, and inspire young people to consider careers in the public sector.

8. According to the UNCTAD report, India dropped to what position in 2023 in terms of FDI inflows?

- A. 9th
- B. 10th
- C. 15th
- D. 17th



- ✓ According to a UNCTAD report, foreign direct investment (FDI) to India dropped by 43% in 2023, falling from \$49 billion in 2022 to \$28 billion. Globally, FDI declined by 2%. India, China, France, Australia, and the USA saw reduced FDI inflows. India's global FDI recipient rank fell from 8th to 15th in 2023 but remained in the top five for attracting greenfield projects and international project finance deals.

9. Recently, the World Crafts Council has officially recognised which city of India as a 'World Craft City'?

- A. Srinagar
- B. Kochi
- C. Ayodhya
- D. Kolkata



- ✓ Srinagar, the largest city in Jammu and Kashmir, has been designated as a "World Craft City" by the World Crafts Council. This recognition, shared by the Office of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, highlights the city's skilled and dedicated artisans. The award honors and aims to protect Srinagar's unique traditional crafts, showcasing their global admiration and cultural richness.

10. Recently, India has secured what position in the Global Domestic Airline Market?

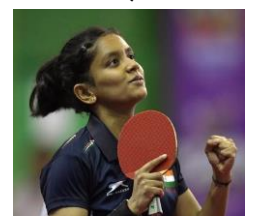
- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth



- ✓ India's aviation sector has ascended to the world's third-largest domestic market, advancing from fifth place a decade ago under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. The average yearly growth rate in airline seat capacity is a leading 6.9%. Low-cost carriers (LCCs) now dominate with 78.4% market share, led by IndiGo capturing 62%.

11. Recently, who became the first Indian table tennis player to win a WTT (World Table Tennis) Contender single title?

- A. Mamta Mehta
- B. Sreeja Akula
- C. Neha Aggarwal
- D. Manika Batra



- ✓ Sreeja Akula of Hyderabad made history as the first Indian table tennis player to clinch a WTT Contender singles title and also secured the doubles title at WTT Contender Lagos 2024. The event, held in Lagos, Nigeria, from June 19 to 23, offered a prize of USD 80,000. Sreeja defeated China's Yijie Ding 4-1 in the singles final.

12. Recently, the Ministry of Coal has initiated India's first ever pilot project for underground coal gasification (UCG) in which state?

- A. Bihar
B. Odisha
C. Jharkhand
D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ India's Ministry of Coal launched the country's inaugural Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) pilot project at the Kasta coal block in Jharkhand's Jamtara District. Led by Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), the initiative seeks to transform coal into methane, hydrogen, carbon monoxide, and dioxide through in-situ gasification. These gases have broad industrial uses, including synthetic natural gas production, fuel and fertilizer synthesis, and explosives manufacturing, aiming to revolutionize India's coal industry with sustainable applications.

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1. Recently, which space organization successfully demonstrated the landing of the Pushpak reusable launch vehicle (RLV LEX-03)?

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



- ✓ ISRO achieved the third successful landing of its Pushpak reusable launch vehicle (RLV LEX-03), testing it under challenging conditions. The vehicle reused components from previous flights and employed advanced sensors for precise landing. Designed to reduce launch costs significantly, it aims to retrieve and land like an airplane after deploying satellites into space.

2. How many medals were won by India in the 'Under- 17 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024'?

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



- ✓ Indian wrestlers secured 11 medals (4 gold, 2 silver, 5 bronze) at the Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024 in Amman, Jordan, held from June 22-24. They competed in men's and women's freestyle and men's Greco-Roman categories across 10 weight divisions per format. The event precedes the ongoing U-23 championship. The 2023 championship took place in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

3. Recently, where was the 64th International Sugar Organization Council meeting organized?

- A. Beijing, China
- B. Paris, France
- C. New Delhi, India
- D. London, UK



- ✓ The 64th International Sugar Organisation Council meeting began on June 25, 2024, in New Delhi, hosted by India, the current chairman. Delegates from over 30 countries will discuss sugar industry and biofuel issues until June 27. India, elected chairman at last year's meeting in London, is the second-largest sugar producer and the largest consumer globally, contributing 20% to global production and 15% to consumption.

4. Which ministry recently launched the National STOP Diarrhoea Campaign 2024?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Agriculture



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- ✓ **Union Health Minister and Family Welfare JP Nadda launched the National STOP Diarrhoea Campaign 2024, aiming for zero child deaths from diarrhoea. The two-month drive involves distributing ORS packets and zinc to children under five. Initiatives like the National Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan have reduced childhood diarrhoea deaths. Emphasis is on sensitizing health workers and enhancing diarrhoea management.**

5. Recently, which state government has approved the establishment of one Prime Minister College of Excellence in all the districts of the state under NEP?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Haryana
- C. Bihar
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ **In Madhya Pradesh, the Prime Minister College of Excellence will be inaugurated in all 55 districts on July 1. Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav announced a new drone policy and emphasized enhancing teaching for aviation, agriculture, and AI job opportunities. Each college will also establish a Centre of Traditional Indian Knowledge. To promote environmental awareness, educational gardens will be developed in all government, non-government, and aided colleges.**

6. Khalubar War Memorial Museum is located in which region of India?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Ladakh
- C. Chandigarh
- D. New Delhi



- ✓ **In Ladakh, the Indian Army opened the Khalubar War Memorial to tourists as a tribute to Kargil War heroes, coinciding with the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas on July 26. Located in Aryan Valley, Ladakh the memorial honors the bravery of soldiers like Captain Manoj Pandey. Local residents also played a crucial role in the war. Pre-Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations included a "Trek to Battle Site" led by Brig OP Yadav (Retd).**

7. "One Week One Theme" (OWOT) campaign is associated with which field?

- A. Finance
- B. Science and Technology
- C. Agriculture
- D. Health Care



- ✓ Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched the "One Week One Theme" (OWOT) campaign to highlight India's recent successes in science and technology. Aimed at integrating CSIR lab efforts, the initiative promotes innovation and benefits citizens by creating employment opportunities and empowering MSMEs, startups, and researchers.

8. What type of missile system is the 'Javelin'?

- A. Man-portable anti tank guided missile (ATGM)
- B. Intercontinental ballistic missile
- C. Cruise missile
- D. None of the above



- ✓ India and the US are discussing co-producing American Javelin missiles in India for its military needs. The Javelin is a man-portable antitank guided missile (ATGM) developed by Raytheon and Lockheed Martin. Designed to defeat heavily armored vehicles and other targets like bunkers and helicopters, it features a 2,500-meter range. It can be shoulder-fired or vehicle-mounted.

9. *Didymocarpus janakiae*, a new plant species, recently discovered in which state?

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



- ✓ A new plant species, *Didymocarpus janakiae*, was discovered in Arunachal Pradesh's West Kameng district at 2,300 meters elevation. Named in honor of pioneering Indian botanist E. K. Janaki Ammal, this species belongs to the *Didymocarpus* genus, part of the African Violet family (*Gesneriaceae*). Found in pristine habitats, it highlights ecosystem quality. The genus comprises 111 species, 27 of which are in India.

10. Ancient city Tamluk is located in which state?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. West Bengal
- C. Bihar
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Tamluk, located in West Bengal, was a significant ancient city known as Tamralipta or Tamralipti. It served as the capital of the Suhma kingdom and later the Pala Empire during the 7th to 9th centuries CE. Excavations have revealed remnants of the ancient town Chandraketugarh. Today, Tamluk is renowned for its production and export of paan (betel leaf).

11. Which non-governmental organization (NGO) has recently launched a nationwide campaign, "Poori Padhai Desh Ki Bhalai"?

- A. Smile Foundation B. Child Rights and You
- C. Goonj D. HelpAge India



- ✓ Child Rights and You (CRY) launched "Poori Padhai Desh Ki Bhalai" to enhance girls' school attendance nationwide. In India, female literacy rates lag behind males, with significant dropout rates in rural areas before fifth grade. However, rural women's literacy has risen by 26% in the last decade. Girls' gross enrolment ratios at elementary, secondary, and higher secondary levels surpass boys. The initiative aims to bridge educational disparities and empower more girls through increased participation in schools.

12. Recently, which state government has announced that state ministers will be responsible for paying their own Income Tax?

- A. Bihar
- B. Odisha
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ On June 25, the Madhya Pradesh cabinet decided that state ministers must pay their own income tax, reversing a 1972 rule where the state government covered these taxes. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav announced the decision, emphasizing the end of the state's financial responsibility for ministers' income tax on salaries and perks.

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1. Which organization recently collaborated with Manav Rachna University (MRU) to install a Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) receiver in Delhi NCR?

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



- ✓ **Manav Rachna University (MRU) partnered with ISRO and NARL to install Delhi NCR's first Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) receiver. This initiative aims to enhance research in atmospheric and space sciences, offering engineering and science students practical experience with satellite navigation technology.**

2. Ambubachi Mela is an annual festival of which state?

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



- ✓ **Devotees nationwide are gathering at Assam's Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati for the annual Ambubachi Mela. The Kamakhya Temple, one of India's 51 Shaktipeeths, is located atop Nilachal Hills and is dedicated to Goddess Kamakhya, a form of Goddess Parvati. The Ambubachi Mela celebrates the goddess's annual menstruation. The temple's architecture uniquely combines the traditional Nagara and Mughal styles, known as the Nilachala Style.**

3. Recently, who has been appointed as the Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha?

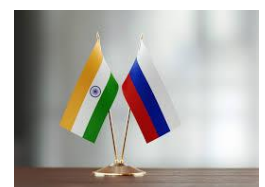
- A. Piyush Goyal
- B. J P Nadda
- C. Chirag Paswan
- D. Rajnath Singh



- ✓ **Union Minister JP Nadda has been appointed Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha, succeeding Piyush Goyal, who is now a Lok Sabha member from North Mumbai, Maharashtra. Nadda was nominated to the Rajya Sabha from Gujarat by the BJP in February this year.**

4. Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Agreement (RELOS) is an administrative arrangement between India and which country?

- A. France
- B. China
- C. Australia
- D. Russia



- ✓ Russia has approved a draft logistics agreement with India, advancing military cooperation under the Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Agreement (RELOS). This agreement aims to streamline logistics support for joint military operations, providing facilities for troops, warships, and aircraft during peacetime and wartime missions. It enhances India's maritime influence, supports Arctic research collaboration.

5. Recently, which ministry has launched the "Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao" initiative under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0?

- A. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Agriculture



- ✓ The Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry launched the Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao initiative under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 from July 1 to August 31. It aims to prepare Urban Local Bodies for monsoon challenges, focusing on cleanliness and health. Aligning with the Health Ministry's 'STOP Diarrhoea Campaign,' it promotes inter-departmental collaboration to address cleanliness and disease risks during heavy rainfall.

6. Recently, where was the 'Bharat Centre of Olympic Research and Education' inaugurated?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Patna
- D. Lucknow



- ✓ The Bharat Centre of Olympic Research and Education (BCORE) was inaugurated on June 23 at Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Indian Olympic Association president PT Usha highlighted BCORE's role as a hub for knowledge, innovation, and performance in Indian sports. Officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee, BCORE promotes Olympic values as an academic center.

7. Recently, which UT has become the first administrative unit to achieve full functional literacy under the ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram?

- A. Chandigarh
- B. Puducherry
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Ladakh



- ✓ Ladakh is the first administrative unit to achieve full functional literacy under the ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram. Announced by Lieutenant Governor Dr BD Mishra, this milestone

surpasses 97% literacy. The program, aligned with the National Education Policy 2020, empowers adults with literacy, numeracy, and life skills through volunteerism.

- ✓ Over 77 lakh people nationwide have benefited, with 1.29 crore learners and 35 lakh volunteer teachers engaged via the ULLAS Mobile App.

8. What is the causative agent of African Swine Fever?

- A. Bacteria
- B. Fungi
- C. Virus
- D. Protozoa



- ✓ Since February, the African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreak in Mizoram has killed over 3,350 pigs. ASF is a highly contagious viral disease with a 100% mortality rate in pigs. Symptoms include fever, weakness, and diarrhea. The virus spreads through direct and indirect contact and survives long in pork products. Endemic to sub-Saharan Africa, it reached India in 2020. There is no cure or vaccine, necessitating animal culling to prevent spread.

9. Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) is a flagship initiative of which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Communications
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Earth Sciences



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- ✓ Recently, the 350th contract under the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) was signed with SpacePixxel Technologies Pvt Ltd for a miniaturized satellite. iDEX, a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Defence, promotes self-reliance and innovation in Defence and Aerospace by engaging MSMEs, start-ups, and R&D institutes. Managed by the Defence Innovation Organization (DIO), it supports innovators through financial aid and technical guidance.

10. ALMA telescope is located in which desert?

- A. Kalahari Desert
- B. Atacama Desert
- C. Sahara Desert
- D. Gobi Desert



- ✓ Astronomers using the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) have gained new insights into planet formation around binary star systems, where two stars orbit a common center of mass. ALMA, with 66 antennas in Chile's Atacama Desert, studies celestial objects at millimeter and submillimeter wavelengths, penetrating dust clouds to observe distant galaxies and stars. Operated by an international partnership, ALMA detects faint radio signals with extraordinary sensitivity.

11. Salihundam Buddhist Heritage Site is located in which state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Karnataka
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ **Historians and enthusiasts are restoring Srikakulam's ancient history in Andhra Pradesh. Known for its prominent Buddhist sites like Dantapuri and Salihundam, Neolithic-era caves, and ancient temples, Srikakulam was once part of the Kalinga Dynasty and later ruled by the Gajapati Kingdom, Eastern Chalukyas, Kakatiya, and Vijayanagara empires. Key sites include the Sri Suryanarayana Swamy Temple in Arasavalli and the Srimukhalingam Temple by the Vamsadhara River.**

12. HOPEX is a joint military exercise between which two countries?

- A. India and Japan
- B. India and UAE
- C. India and France
- D. India and Egypt



- ✓ **Exercise HOPEX is a joint military drill between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and Egyptian Air Force aimed at enhancing bilateral and regional cooperation. Indian assets like Rafale fighter jets, C-17 Globemaster transport aircraft, and IL-78 tankers are participating in this exercise, which takes place in Egypt.**

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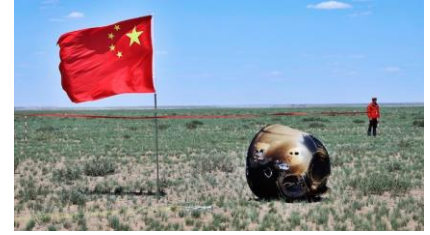
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1. Which country has recently become the first country to successfully collect and return samples from the far side of the Moon?

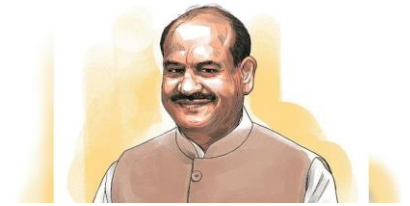
- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. India
- D. France



- ✓ **China's Chang'e-6 mission marks a historic milestone as the first to collect and return samples from the Moon's far side, specifically the South Pole-Aitken Basin. Key achievements include overcoming radio signal blockage with relay satellites, precision landing, and collecting up to 2kg of moon rock and soil. The mission enhances understanding of lunar geology, early solar system history, and Earth-Moon relations, while showcasing China's growing space capabilities and potential for international collaboration.**

2. Recently, who has been elected as the speaker of 18th Lok Sabha?

- A. K Suresh
- B. Om Birla
- C. Rajnath Singh
- D. Amit Shah



- ✓ **Om Birla has been re-elected as Speaker of the Lok Sabha, defeating opposition candidate K Suresh. This marks Birla's second term as Speaker, making him the sixth person to hold the position twice.**

3. Recently, the C-DAC has signed an MoA with which institution to create an ecosystem for human resource development in High Performance Computing and allied areas?

- A. All India Council for Technical Education
- B. IIT, Bombay
- C. IIT, Madras
- D. Indian Institute of Information Technology



- ✓ **The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) signed an MoA to enhance human resource development in High Performance Computing (HPC) and related areas. Key initiatives include Master Trainer Programs, Quality Improvement Programs, HPC courses on the SWAYAM platform, industry-aligned course development, and offering C-DAC's HPC learning platforms to AICTE-nominated institutes. This collaboration aims to foster innovation and meet industry and academic needs.**

4. 'School in a Box' initiative is associated with flood-affected children of which Northeastern state?

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



- ✓ Flood-affected children in Assam will receive a 'school in a box' in 167 relief camps to continue their education. The initiative, aimed at children aged 6 to 18, helps them cope with trauma from losing homes or family members. Each camp will get a UNICEF-designed child-friendly space (CFS) kit with notebooks and learning materials. The Assam State Disaster Management Authority is training officials to maximize the kits' utility and reduce children's mental stress.

5. David Warner, who recently announced his retirement from international cricket, belongs to which country?

- A. Australia
- B. South Africa
- C. England
- D. New Zealand



- ✓ David Warner's 15-year international cricket career ended quietly as Australia's exit from the 2024 T20 World Cup. Warner had announced this World Cup as his last, marking his final stages in international cricket. He played his last ODI in 2023, his final Test in early 2024, and concluded his career after the T20 World Cup, despite hinting at a possible return for the 2025 Champions Trophy.

6. Ratle power project is situated on which river of Jammu and Kashmir?

- A. Chenab
- B. Jhelum
- C. Indus
- D. Ujh



- ✓ A five-member Pakistan delegation and World Bank experts toured the Ratle power project, a run-of-the-river hydroelectric project on the Chenab River in Jammu and Kashmir. Since 2006, Pakistan has raised technical objections, seeking international arbitration, which India rejected. Under the Indus Water Treaty, India has rights over the run-of-the-river waters in Jammu and Kashmir and full rights over Punjab's rivers. India asserts its compliance with the treaty.

7. What is the primary purpose of the eSakshya app, recently tested by Ministry of Home Affairs?

- A. To provide social networking services
- B. To help police record and upload crime scene evidence
- C. To offer cloud storage solutions to businesses
- D. To provide details of infrastructural development of railways



- ✓ **The Union Ministry of Home Affairs is testing eSakshya, a mobile app developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. It aids police in recording crime scenes and uploading evidence to a cloud-based platform. Each recording can be up to four minutes long, with multiple files per First Information Report (FIR). The app aims to ensure digital evidence integrity.**

8. How many medals did India win at the 2024 BRICS Games in Russia?

- A. 20
- B. 21
- C. 29
- D. 30



- ✓ **India secured a total of 29 medals at the 2024 BRICS Games in Kazan, Russia, comprising 3 gold, 6 silver, and 20 bronze medals. The Indian team excelled across diverse sports disciplines, demonstrating noteworthy accomplishments in this international multi-sport event, highlighting their successful performance.**

9. Which day is observed as 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' every year?

- A. June.26
- B. June.27
- C. June.28
- D. June.29



- ✓ **Every June 26th, the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking raises awareness about the detrimental impact of drugs on society. In 2024, the theme is "The evidence is clear: invest in prevention." Established by the UN General Assembly on December 7, 1987, this day highlights global efforts to combat drug use and trafficking.**

10. Recently, where was the first 'International Dairy Federation Asia-Pacific Summit' held?

- A. Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- C. Kochi, Kerala
- D. Kolkata, West Bengal



- ✓ The first IDF Regional Dairy Conference Asia Pacific-2024 held at Kochi from June 26-28, 2024, at the Grand Hyatt, Bolgatty. The conference themed "Farmer Centric Innovations in Dairying" is organized by the Indian National Committee of the International Dairy Federation. The event features 22 exhibition pavilions and 17 startups showcasing dairy farms, processing equipment, and related technologies.

11. Which day is observed as Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) day every year?

- A. June.26 B. June.27
- C. June.28 D. June.29



- ✓ Since 2017, June 27 has been observed as Micro Small Medium Enterprise (MSME) Day, recognizing the sector's role in economic development and employment. MSMEs account for 90% of businesses, 60-70% of employment, and 50% of GDP globally. The United Nations General Assembly established MSME Day on April 6, 2017. The 2024 theme is "MSMEs and the SDG".

12. Recently, which country has become the 100th full member to join the International Solar Alliance?

- A. Paraguay
- B. China
- C. South Africa
- D. Brazil



- ✓ Paraguay has become the 100th full member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) by officially handing over its Instrument of Ratification in New Delhi. The ISA, co-founded by India and France during the 2015 COP21, promotes global solar energy deployment. The alliance now has 119 signatories, with 100 ratified members. The ISA aims to implement the Paris Climate Agreement through extensive solar energy adoption.

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