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1. What is the theme of 'World No Tobacco Day 2024'?

- A. Threat to our environment
- B. Grow food, not tobacco
- C. Protecting Children From Tobacco Industry Interference
- D. Commit to Quit



- ✓ **Observed annually on May 31st, World No Tobacco Day 2024 focuses on "Protecting Children From Tobacco Industry Interference." The theme aims to safeguard young people from the harmful effects of tobacco and calls on the industry to cease targeting the youth with detrimental products.**

2. What is the primary aim of the Red Flag 24 exercise, recently held in Alaska?

- A. To conduct ground-based military operations
- B. To integrate aircrew in a multinational environment through advanced aerial combat training
- C. To train naval forces for maritime security
- D. To provide humanitarian aid and disaster relief training

- ✓ **An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent arrived at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, for the Red Flag 24 exercise, deploying Rafale fighter jets. Red Flag 24, a two-week advanced aerial combat training exercise, integrates multinational aircrews in realistic scenarios. Approximately 3100 service members and over 100 aircraft participate, using 77,000 square miles of airspace in the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex. This exercise has occurred since 1975.**

3. Which organization recently released the 'Global food policy report 2024'?

- A. World Bank
- B. Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
- C. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- D. International Labour Organization (ILO)



- ✓ **The Global Food Policy Report 2024 by IFPRI reveals that 38% of Indians consume unhealthy foods, while only 28% eat all five recommended food groups. Malnutrition in India rose from 15.4% in 2011 to 16.6% in 2021. Adult overweight prevalence increased from 12.9% in 2006 to 16.4% in 2016. Processed food consumption is growing, with packaged foods' share in household budgets nearly doubling to 12%.**

4. Which organization recently released the report titled 'Hooking the next generation: how the tobacco industry captures young customers'?

- A. World Bank
- B. UNEP
- C. ILO
- D. World Health Organization (WHO)



- ✓ The WHO and STOP released the "Hooking the Next Generation: How the Tobacco Industry Captures Young Customers" report on World No Tobacco Day, May 31. Key findings include that 37 million children aged 13-15 use tobacco globally, and 85% of 15-30-year-olds were exposed to e-cigarette ads. E-cigarettes produce nicotine-laden aerosol, an addictive substance.

5. Recently, which country launched the Multi-Mission Communication Satellite (PAKSAT MM1)?

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



- ✓ Pakistan launched the Multi-Mission Communication Satellite (PAKSAT MM1) from China's Xichang Satellite Launch Center, part of Pakistan's National Space Programme 2047. The satellite aims to enhance internet connectivity, TV broadcasts, cellular phones, broadband, e-commerce, and e-governance in Pakistan. Recently, Pakistan also launched the mini satellite 'iCube-Qamar' with China's Chang'e-6 lunar mission. Previous space assets include BADR-A, BADR-B, PAKSAT 1-R, PRSS-1, PakTes 1-A, and iCube-Qamar.

6. Which institution recently released framework for Self-Regulatory Organisations (SROs) for fintech sector?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. SEBI
- C. IRDAI
- D. NABARD



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced the framework for recognizing self-regulatory organizations in the financial technology sector (SRO-FT). SROs act as intermediaries between industry players and regulators, setting standards for conduct and promoting ethical practices. India boasts the world's third-largest fintech ecosystem, with significant global funding. The Indian fintech industry was valued at \$50 billion in 2021, expected to reach around \$150 billion by 2025. India also accounted for 46% of global real-time transactions in 2022.

7. Which organization recently launched the India's first Electric Vehicle (EV) index?

- A. Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- B. National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- C. SEBI
- D. Madras Stock Exchange (MSE)



- ✓ The National Stock Exchange of India Indices introduces India's inaugural Electric Vehicle (EV) index, named Nifty EV & New Age Automotive Index. It monitors companies within the EV ecosystem and those developing new-age automotive technologies. Launched with a base date of April 2, 2018, and a value of 1000, it includes stocks from the Nifty 500.

8. What is the main objective of the Daksha project?

- A. Studying Black holes
- B. Analyzing the atmosphere of Mars
- C. Investigating explosive astrophysical sources like gamma-ray bursts
- D. Exploring the moon's surface



- ✓ The Daksha project plans to construct two high-energy space telescopes targeting gamma-ray bursts (GRBs) and gravitational wave sources' electromagnetic counterparts. Each telescope will detect energy from 1 keV to over 1 MeV. Positioned on opposite sides of Earth, they promise superior coverage compared to existing missions, anticipating the discovery of thousands of GRBs and dozens of high-energy binary neutron star mergers over a five-year mission. Other missions include Astrosat, Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope, and Swift Observatory.

9. Recently, which medical institution has won the 2024 Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion by WHO?

- A. NIMHANS, Bengaluru
- B. KGMU, Lucknow
- C. AIIMS, Delhi
- D. CMC, Vellore



- ✓ The National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru received the 2024 Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion from WHO. This award, established in 2019, honors significant contributions to health promotion. Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Union Health Secretary Shri Apurva Chandra congratulated NIMHANS.

10. According to the provisional estimate of the National Statistical Organisation (NSO), what was the growth rate of Indian economy in 2023-24?

- A. 7.6%
- B. 8.2%
- C. 6.6%
- D. 5.1%



- ✓ According to the National Statistical Organisation (NSO), India's GDP grew by 8.2% in FY 2023-24, surpassing the Reserve Bank of India's estimate of 7.6%. This marks the ninth time since 1960-61 that GDP growth exceeded 8%. The high growth rate was driven by a strong performance in Q4 (January-March 2024), with a 7.8% increase compared to the same period in 2023.

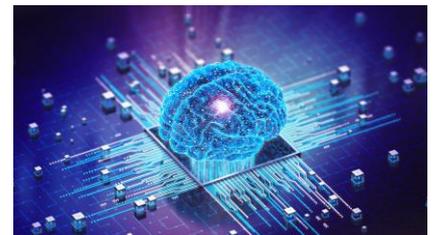
11. Recently, which organizations jointly launched 'BIMReN initiative' for PhD students?

- A. Ministry of Earth Sciences and Indian Ocean Rim Association
- B. Ministry of External Affairs and Bay of Bengal Programme-Inter Governmental Organization
- C. Ministry of Science and Technology and BIMSTEC Secretariat
- D. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and SAARC

- ✓ The Indian government launched BIMReN (BIMSTEC-India Marine Research Network) with MEA and BOBP-IGO to boost blue economy development. BIMReN supports PhD students from BIMSTEC countries to conduct research in India through Split-Site Doctoral Fellowships, offering up to INR 1 million and 6-12 months at Indian labs. It also promotes Twinning Research Projects with grants up to INR 5 million for 24-month regional collaborations.

12. Recently, which state has introduced Artificial Intelligence (AI) learning in the Class 7 ICT textbooks?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Goa
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Kerala introduces AI learning in Class 7 ICT textbooks, pioneering a move to educate over 4 lakh students about Artificial Intelligence. The initiative aims to enhance technological education, familiarizing students with AI concepts from a young age. This forward-looking step reflects Kerala's commitment to modernizing its education system and preparing students for future technological advancements.

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1. Which day is observed as 'World Milk Day' every year?

- A. June.01
- B. June.02
- C. June.03
- D. June.04



- ✓ **World Milk Day, observed annually on June 1, emphasizes dairy's role in global nutrition. Established in 2001 by the FAO, it celebrates milk as a vital food source and the dairy sector. Milk consumption dates back to the Neolithic age, evolving into a significant part of many cultures and religious traditions.**

2. Recently, which Indian peacekeeper honoured posthumously with UN's Dag Hammarskjold medal?

- A. Vikram Singh
- B. Naik Dhananjay Kumar Singh
- C. Ram Vishnoi
- D. Jeet Sinha



- ✓ **Naik Dhananjay Kumar Singh, a UN peacekeeper serving in Congo, was posthumously awarded the Dag Hammarskjold medal during the UN's International Day of Peacekeepers. The medal, established in 1997, honors peacekeepers who sacrificed their lives under the UN's authority. Named after Dag Hammarskjöld, it's awarded annually to nations losing peacekeepers.**

3. Purana Qila was built on the banks of which river?

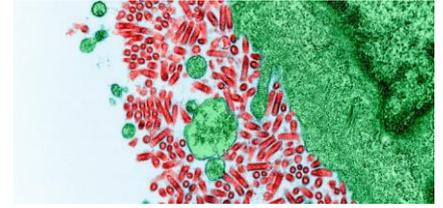
- A. Ganges
- B. Yamuna
- C. Indus
- D. Saraswati



- ✓ **Recently, Purana Qila was handed over to the Sabhyata Foundation of the Dalmia Group under the 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme by the Ministry of Tourism. Located in New Delhi, it's one of the oldest forts built on the banks of the Yamuna River, also known as Qila-e-Kohna. Built under Humayun and Sher Shah Suri, it reflects a blend of Islamic and Hindu architecture. The rectangular fort boasts three gates, notably the Bara Darwaza, combining Islamic and Hindu elements.**

4. Recently, which state/UT has declared human rabies a notifiable disease under the Epidemic Diseases Act of 1897?

- A. Lakshadweep
- B. Jammu and Kashmir
- C. Sikkim
- D. Nagaland



- ✓ The government of Jammu and Kashmir has designated human rabies as a notifiable disease under the Epidemic Diseases Act of 1897. Rabies, caused by the RABV virus, is a fatal viral disease affecting the central nervous system.
- ✓ It primarily spreads through the saliva of infected animals, with domestic dogs being the main transmitters. Rabies poses a significant threat, especially in Asia and Africa, disproportionately affecting marginalized communities and remains a neglected tropical disease.

5. Which state recently hosted 'Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024'?

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



- ✓ Goa recently hosted the inaugural Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024 for Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). Organized by Outlook Media Group, with BDO India as Awards Process Advisor and IIT Goa as Knowledge Partner, the event gathered policymakers and CPSE top management to discuss sustainability initiatives. REC Limited was honored with the "Sustainability Champion—Editor's Choice Award," and Power Finance Corporation (PFC) Limited received the Corporate Social Responsibility award in the Non-Fossil Fuel category.

6. Recently, which ministry launched implementation Manual of Tobacco Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI) on World No Tobacco Day, 2024?

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D. Ministry of Agriculture



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- ✓ The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, launched the Implementation Manual of Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions on World No Tobacco Day 2024 in New Delhi, in collaboration with SEEDS. Aligned with this year's theme, "Protecting children from tobacco industry interference," the manual aims to help schools implement ToFEI guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

7. Pampa Lake is located in which state?

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Odisha
- D. Gujarat



- ✓ A team from the Karnataka State Department of Archaeology Museums and Heritage has discovered rock shelter paintings estimated to be 2,500 years old near Pampa Lake in the Hampi World Heritage Area. Pampa Lake, located in Karnataka's Koppal district near Hampi, is one of the five sacred lakes in Hindu mythology. Surrounded by hills and temples, it holds cultural and religious significance, featuring prominently in Hindu epics like the Ramayana.

8. Parapatrechina neela belongs to which species?

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



- ✓ Indian researchers have recently uncovered a new ant species, Parapatrechina neela, in Arunachal Pradesh's remote Siang Valley. Belonging to the rare genus Parapatrechina, this species is distinguished by its metallic blue color, reflected in its name "neela," meaning blue in many Indian languages. It marks the first discovery of a new Parapatrechina species in 121 years.

9. Recently, ISRO collaborated with which company for sustainable space exploration through additive manufacturing?

- A. Wipro 3D
- B. Skyroot aerospace
- C. Google 3D
- D. IBM



- ✓ Wipro 3D and ISRO have successfully 3D-printed the PS4 rocket engine for the PSLV's 4th stage, marking a significant advancement in space technology. Dr V Narayanan of ISRO praised this achievement. The PS4 stage's advanced navigation and control systems enable precise orbital placements for various satellite missions. The collaboration utilized Design for Additive Manufacturing (DfAM) and Laser Powder Bed Fusion (LPBF) technology, streamlining production and improving structural integrity.

10. According to recent government data, India got highest FDI from which country in 2023-24?

- A. Mauritius
- B. Singapore
- C. Vietnam
- D. China



- ✓ In 2023-24, India received the highest foreign direct investment (FDI) from Singapore, amounting to \$11.77 billion despite a 31.55% decline, according to government data. Overall, FDI into India contracted by about 3.5% due to global economic uncertainties. However, Singapore remained the top source of FDI for India during this period.

11. Recently, which research institute has developed a way of generating non-infectious Nipah virus-like particles (VLPs) in the laboratory?

- A. Central Drug Research Institute
- B. Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology
- C. Institute of Advanced Virology
- D. Raman Research Institute



- ✓ Scientists at the Institute of Advanced Virology, Thiruvananthapuram, developed non-infectious Nipah virus-like particles (VLPs). VLPs resemble viruses but lack genetic material, making them non-infectious. They effectively create vaccines for diseases like HPV, hepatitis B, and malaria by triggering an immune response without causing symptoms. VLPs, sized 20-200 nm, enter lymph nodes to activate the immune system, offering immunity against the actual virus.

12. Dinesh Karthik, who recently announced his retirement, belongs to which sports?

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



- ✓ Dinesh Karthik, the veteran wicketkeeper-batter, announced his retirement from all forms of cricket after an emotional farewell from Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the IPL. His international career spanned 180 games across all formats, amassing 3463 runs with one Test hundred and 17 half-centuries. As a wicketkeeper, he recorded 172 dismissals.

13. Recently, Claudia Sheinbaum has been elected as the first woman President of which country?

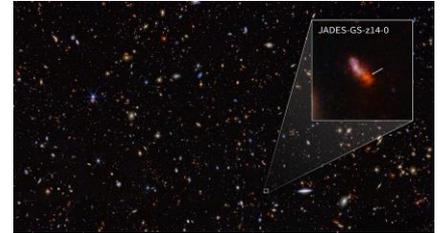
- A. Malaysia
- B. Thailand
- C. Singapore
- D. Mexico



- ✓ Claudia Shienbaum has been elected as Mexico's first woman president. With a decisive lead confirmed by the election commission, she received congratulations from her mentor, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador. The elections on June 2, 2024, also included over 20,000 political positions. Shienbaum will be sworn in on October 1, 2024.

14. What is 'JADES-GS-z14-0'?

- A. Galaxy
- B. Submarine
- C. Aircraft
- D. Invasive Plant



- ✓ The James Webb Space Telescope set a new record by detecting the galaxy JADES-GS-z14-0, observed as it was 290 million years after the Big Bang. This surpasses the previous record of 325 million years. The galaxy's unexpected brightness suggests rapid star formation or more luminous early stars. Webb's observation of significant oxygen indicates the galaxy's advanced maturity despite its young age.

15. Recently, how much gold did RBI allocate from the UK to domestic vaults in FY24?

- A. 50 metric tonnes
- B. 100 metric tonnes
- C. 150 metric tonnes
- D. 200 metric tonnes



- ✓ In FY24, RBI relocated 100 metric tonnes of gold from the U.K. to Indian vaults in Mumbai and Nagpur. India's gold reserves surged to 822 metric tonnes, with nearly 50% now stored domestically. RBI's banknotes are secured by assets like gold, Government Securities, and Foreign Currency Assets, as per the RBI Act, 1934. The recent geopolitical tensions emphasized risks of storing gold abroad.

16. What is 'Tmesipteris oblancoolata'?

- A. Fork fern
- B. Fish
- C. Asteroid
- D. Spider



- ✓ New research reveals Tmesipteris oblancoolata, a fork fern species, boasts the largest genome known. A genome encompasses an organism's complete genetic information. This fern contains 160 billion base pairs, surpassing the human genome by over 50 times. Belonging to an ancient plant group predating dinosaur, it's exclusive to New Caledonia and nearby Pacific islands, thriving in rainforest canopies.

17. Which tiger reserve of Maharashtra recently reported the first photographic record of the 'spot-bellied eagle owl'?

- A. Tadoba Tiger Reserve
- B. Pench Tiger Reserve
- C. Koyna Tiger Reserve
- D. Umred Karhandla Sanctuary



- ✓ **Pench Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra recently documented the first photograph of a spot-bellied eagle-owl, *Ketupa nipalensis*. This large bird of prey inhabits diverse environments like forests and savannas across India, Sri Lanka, and Southeast Asia.**
- ✓ **Recognizable by its rich brown coloration and striking white-spotted pattern, it's a nocturnal apex predator feeding on various prey. Classified as Least Concern by IUCN, it comes protection under India's Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.**

18. Recently, which Indian shuttler won the title at Bonn International tournament?

- A. Aakarshi Kashyap
- B. Ashmita Chaliha
- C. P V Sindhu
- D. Tanvi Sharma



- ✓ **Tanvi Sharma, a promising Indian badminton player, secured victory in the Bonn International tournament by defeating Wang Pei Yu of Chinese Taipei in straight sets. The contest lasted just over half an hour, with Tanvi claiming a 21-19 22-20 win. Ranked 181st globally, the 15-year-old from Punjab showcased her skill, notably overcoming a deficit in the final set.**

19. Recently, NASA collaborated with which space agency to develop a standardized time system for the moon?

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



- ✓ **NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA) are collaborating to create a standardized lunar time system for the Artemis program, which aims to return humans to the moon. This initiative addresses the need for unified timekeeping to coordinate international and private lunar missions. With upcoming missions from China, India, and private companies, a common lunar time system is essential for successful operation and coordination.**

20. Which space organization recently developed Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) software named 'PraVaHa'?

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



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) developed PraVaHa, a Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) software, at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre. Parallel RANS Solver for Aerospace Vehicle Aero-thermo-dynamic Analysis (PraVaHa) simulates airflow for launch vehicles, crucial for designing their shape, structure, and thermal protection systems. It is used in the Gaganyaan program for analyzing human-rated launch vehicles.

21. Department of Higher Education recently signed an MoU with which organization for creating the Digital Library Platform, Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya?

- A. Central Board of Secondary Education
- B. National Book Trust
- C. National Library Association
- D. Ministry of Culture



- ✓ The Department of School Education and the National Book Trust signed an MoU in New Delhi to create the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya, a 24/7 Digital Library Platform. Secretary K. Sanjay Murthy highlighted its potential to enhance book accessibility and address library reach issues in many states. He anticipates that in 2-3 years, the platform will feature over 10,000 books in more than 100 languages.

22. What is the primary objective of the 'Phenome India project'?

- A. To study the genetic diversity of India
- B. To develop India-specific risk prediction models for cardio-metabolic diseases
- C. To promote traditional Indian medicine
- D. To conduct clinical trials for new drugs



- ✓ Recently, CSIR concluded the first phase of its Phenome India project and hosted the Phenome India Unboxing 1.0 event. Launched on December 7, 2023, Phenome India aims to develop India-specific risk prediction models for cardio-metabolic diseases. It is the first pan-India longitudinal health study, involving nearly 10,000 participants from 17 states and 24 cities, collecting comprehensive health data including clinical, lifestyle, and biochemical information.

23. Recently, where was the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) held?

- A. London
- B. Paris
- C. Geneva
- D. New Delhi



- ✓ India participated in the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20 Forum High-Level Event 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland. The WSIS+20 Forum commemorates 20 years since the WSIS, held in Geneva (2003) and Tunis (2005), and is co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP, and UNCTAD. Its aim is to address information and communication technology issues through a multi-stakeholder approach, fostering a people-centric, inclusive, and development-oriented Information Society.

24. Which organization has recently commercialised herbicide-tolerant (Ht) basmati rice varieties?

- A. Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- B. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. None of the above



- ✓ ICAR has commercialized herbicide-tolerant (Ht) basmati rice varieties for weed control. Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) offers efficient and sustainable cultivation, replacing traditional transplanting. ICAR's non-genetically modified Ht basmati rice allows direct herbicide application. Research suggests hand weeding in DSR enhances yield over herbicides. ICAR advocates eco-friendly weeding for higher seed yield.

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1. Akatsuki Mission is associated with space agency?

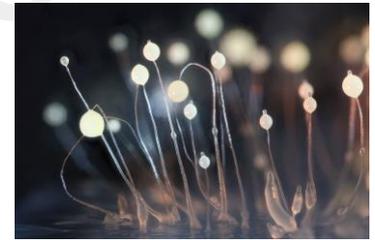
- A. NASA
- B. ISRO
- C. JAXA
- D. ESA



- ✓ The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) lost contact with Akatsuki, launched in 2010 as Japan's first successful mission to another planet. Akatsuki, in an equatorial orbit around Venus, aimed to study its toxic atmosphere and volcanic surface, weather patterns, lightning, and super-rotation caused by strong winds. It complemented ESA's Venus Express, operational until 2014, using ultraviolet and infrared cameras to globally map clouds and atmospheric structures.

2. What is 'Dictyostelium discoideum'?

- A. Amoeba
- B. Algae
- C. Weed
- D. Drug



- ✓ Scientists discovered that green-beard genes drive natural altruism in the amoeba Dictyostelium discoideum. These genes enable individuals to recognize and cooperate with each other, potentially causing harmful behavior towards those with different gene versions. Altruism in nature involves behavior where an animal acts in a way that may be harmful to itself but benefits others of its species.

3. Which country will host the 81st IATA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and World Air Transport Summit in Delhi, India, on June 8-10, 2025?

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



- ✓ India will host the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) next year. Established in 1945, IATA represents the global airline industry, advocating for its interests and setting industry standards to enhance safety, efficiency, and sustainability. With 330 member airlines, including leading passenger and cargo carriers, IATA plays a pivotal role in shaping the aviation sector. Headquarters are located in Montreal, Canada.

4. Recently, the central government has approved the establishment of an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in which district of Assam?

- A. Kamrup
- B. Jorhat
- C. Golaghat
- D. Sonitpur



- ✓ The central government has approved Assam's plan for a new Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Kamrup district, with IIM Ahmedabad mentoring the project. This decision aims to bolster education and industry in the Northeast, where only one IIM currently exists. Assam's collaboration with IIM Ahmedabad and provision of land underscores its commitment to advancing education and economic growth. The initiative is expected to benefit neighboring states like Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh.

5. Which day is observed as 'International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression' every year?

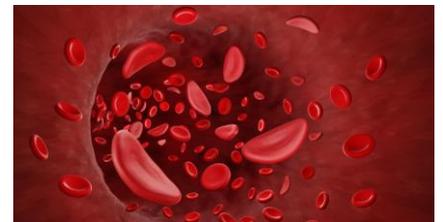
- A. June.03
- B. June.04
- C. June.05
- D. June.06



- ✓ The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression, observed annually on June 4th, highlights children's suffering worldwide. Established on August 19, 1982, this day focuses on the pain endured by innocent children. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), founded in 1997, aims to end violence against children.

6. Hydroxyurea drug is related to which disease?

- A. Dengue
- B. TB
- C. Malaria
- D. Sickle cell anaemia



- ✓ The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is addressing the significant challenge of sickle cell disease in India, which affects over 20 million people. A major issue is the lack of hydroxyurea formulations suitable for paediatric patients, complicating precise dosing for children.
- ✓ Hydroxyurea, effective in treating sickle cell disease and thalassemia, currently lacks appropriate paediatric versions. To resolve this, ICMR is seeking collaboration for developing and commercializing low-dose paediatric hydroxyurea formulations, aiming to improve treatment protocols for young patients.

7. What is the theme of 'World Environment Day 2024'?

- A. Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience
- B. Beat Plastic Pollution
- C. Ecosystem Restoration
- D. Solution to plastic pollution



- ✓ World Environment Day has been celebrated annually on June 5 since 1973. Millions worldwide participate in its observance. The 2024 theme is 'land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience'.

8. Which country hosted the 'World Environment Day 2024'?

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Russia



- ✓ World Environment Day, celebrated on June 5th annually, promotes environmental awareness and protection. The 2024 celebration, hosted by Saudi Arabia, coincides with the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). Each year features a specific theme addressing current environmental issues. Notably, India hosted the 45th World Environment Day in 2018 with the theme 'Beat Plastic Pollution'.

9. How many medals were won by India at the Taiwan Athletics Open 2024?

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 8



- ✓ Indian athletes concluded their campaign at the 2024 Taiwan Athletics Open with a total of seven medals - three golds, three silvers, and one bronze. Notably, DP Manu secured the first gold in javelin throw, and Nayana James clinched another in women's long jump. Ankesh Chaudhary added a gold in men's 800 meters. Somnath Chauhan, Nithya Ramraj and Dev Meena bagged silver medals, while VK Vismaya earned bronze in the women's 400 meters. The event, part of the World Athletics Continental Tour, took place in Taipei.

10. Recently, which country emerged as India's third largest export destination in 2023-24?

- A. Mauritius
- B. The Netherlands
- C. Vietnam
- D. China



- ✓ **The Netherlands became India's third largest export destination in 2023-24, following the US and UAE, despite a 3% dip in India's overall merchandise shipments. Key exports to the Netherlands included petroleum products (\$14.29 billion), electrical goods, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals. Consequently, India's trade surplus with the Netherlands rose to \$17.4 billion, up from \$13 billion in 2022-23, according to the Commerce Ministry data.**

11. Recently, who received the Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award 2024?

- A. Rameshchandra Shah
- B. Seeni Viswanathan
- C. Krishna Prakash
- D. Sandeep Joshi



- ✓ **Krishna Prakash, renowned for leading Mumbai Police's counterterrorism unit, Force One, has received the Annual Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award at Mumbai's Sab Me Ram Shashwat Shri Ram event. Known as a "super cop," Prakash heads the elite Force One and is a two-time Guinness World Record holder.**

12. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, recently seen in the news, is located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Odisha



- ✓ **The Tamil Nadu Forest Department has initiated a three-day elephant census at Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve. Located at the Eastern and Western Ghats junction in Erode District, Tamil Nadu, this reserve is part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve. It is contiguous with Mudumalai, Bandipur, and Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Tiger Reserves, collectively hosting over 280 tigers, the world's largest tiger population. Declared a tiger reserve in 2013, it connects the Eastern and Western Ghats, supporting diverse wildlife.**

13. Recently, the "None of the Above" (NOTA) option emerged as the runner-up in which constituency of Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Gwalior
- B. Indore
- C. Khajuraho
- D. Jabalpur



- ✓ In Madhya Pradesh's Indore constituency, the "None of the Above" (NOTA) option became the runner-up with a record 2,18,674 votes, the highest ever. NOTA allows voters to disapprove of all candidates without choosing any, expressing negative opinions and maintaining secrecy. First used in the 2013 Assembly elections, it was introduced following a 2013 Supreme Court directive in the PUCL vs. Union of India case.

14. Which organization recently released the report titled 'State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2024'?

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



- ✓ The World Bank's "State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2024" report highlights that CP revenues surpassed USD 100 billion in 2023, with 75 global CP instruments covering 24% of global greenhouse gas emissions. Brazil, India, and Türkiye have made significant strides in CP implementation, while China and India lead in carbon credit issuances. Carbon pricing attaches costs to greenhouse gas emissions, primarily through CO2 pricing mechanisms.

15. What is 'Parengyodontium album'?

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



- ✓ Marine microbiologists from the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research discovered the marine fungus Parengyodontium album, which can break down plastic polyethylene (PE) in the ocean. This fungus converts PE-derived carbon into fungal biomass, aided by UV sunlight's initial photodegradation of PE. Annually, humans produce over 400 billion kilograms of plastic, much of which pollutes the ocean.

16. Recently, the National Level Coordination Committee (NLCC) held its maiden meeting at which place for the World's largest grain storage plan?

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



- ✓ **The National Level Coordination Committee (NLCC) convened its inaugural meeting at the Ministry of Cooperation, New Delhi, to discuss the world's largest grain storage plan.**
- ✓ **This initiative aims to bolster agricultural infrastructure at grassroots levels through the establishment of warehouses, processing units, and Fair Price Shops in Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS). It integrates various government schemes and is implemented by agencies like NCDG, NABARD, FCI, and CWC in collaboration with concerned States/UTs.**

17. Which organization recently hosted the '12th Plenary Assembly of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP)'?

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



- ✓ **The 12th Plenary Assembly of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) was hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) from June 3–5, 2024. The assembly included over 700 partners and FAO members.**
- ✓ **The GSP is a globally recognized mechanism that promotes sustainable soil management and has implemented programs around the world. The assembly is a key platform for GSP partners and FAO members to exchange knowledge and expertise and make important decisions about the global soil agenda.**

18. Ministry of Defence recently signed an MoU with which ministry to set up a dedicated Tele Manas Cell for the armed forces?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Agriculture
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Communications



- ✓ **The Ministries of Health and Defence signed an MoU to establish a dedicated Tele Manas Cell for the Armed Forces, providing specialized mental health support.**

- ✓ This initiative adds to the 51 existing Tele Manas cells operating across all States and Union Territories, enhancing mental health services for military personnel nationwide.

19. Minuteman III, an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) is developed by which country?

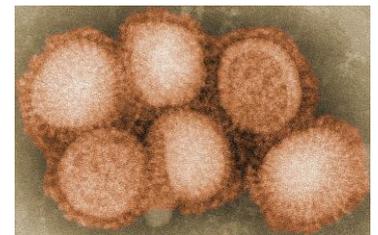
- A. United States
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. Japan



- ✓ The US tested an unarmed Minuteman III ICBM from Vandenberg Space Force Base. The Minuteman III, deployed in the 1960s, is the sole land-based component of the US nuclear triad, designed by Boeing. Despite initial plans for a ten-year service, it will be used until the GBSD is available in 2029. The three-stage, solid-fuel missile, with a 13,000 km range, currently carries a single nuclear warhead, ensuring fast launch and high reliability.

20. H5N2 virus is related to which disease?

- A. Malaria
- B. Dengue
- C. Bird flu
- D. AIDS



- ✓ The first human case of H5N2 avian flu has been reported in Mexico City, involving a 59-year-old man who died. Bird flu, caused by the Avian Influenza A virus, primarily infects poultry and wild birds but can jump to humans through direct contact. H5N2, a subtype first reported in Mexican poultry, spreads through migratory bird patterns and interactions with domestic birds. Environmental changes also influence its spread.

21. What is the theme for 'World Food Safety Day 2024'?

- A. Prepare for the unexpected
- B. Food Standards Save Lives
- C. Safer food, better health
- D. Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow



- ✓ World Food Safety Day, celebrated on June 7th, raises awareness about food safety and promotes actions to prevent foodborne risks. Initiated by the UN in 2016 and supported by FAO and WHO, it underscores the importance of safe, nutritious food for all. Officially recognized on August 3, 2020, this day emphasizes food safety's critical role in global health. This year's theme has been revealed as: Food safety: Prepare for the unexpected.

22. NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) recently joined hands with which South American country to enable UPI payments?

- A. Brazil
- B. Argentina
- C. Peru
- D. Chile



- ✓ **The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Peru's central bank have partnered to create a UPI-like payment system in Peru. This makes Peru the first South American country to adopt NPCI's technology, enabling instant payments between individuals and businesses. The initiative aims to expand digital payments among Peru's large unbanked population.**

23. What is the name of the Russian cosmonaut, who recently became the first person to spend 1000 days in space?

- A. Yelena Kondakova
- B. Nikolai Chub
- C. Yuri Gagarin
- D. Oleg Kononenko



- ✓ **ROSCOSMOS cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko set a world record by spending 1,000 days in space. His latest mission to the ISS began on September 15, 2023, with NASA astronaut Loral O'Hara and Nikolai Chub. A cosmonaut since 1996, Kononenko, an aviation mechanical engineer, has commanded four Soyuz missions.**

24. Recently, India launched Biopharmaceutical Alliance with which countries?

- A. US, Japan and South Korea
- B. China, Russia and Nepal
- C. UK, Russia and Israel
- D. Australia, China and UK



- ✓ **India, the US, South Korea, Japan, and the EU have formed a Biopharmaceuticals Alliance. The first meeting was in San Diego during the Bio International Convention 2024. Biopharmaceuticals, derived from living organisms, are set to comprise 50% of future medical drugs. The alliance aims to prevent drug shortages like those during the COVID-19 pandemic by diversifying and mapping the pharmaceutical supply chain, ensuring a resilient and sustainable system.**

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1. National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) is chaired by which authority?

- A. Defence Minister of India
- B. Cabinet Secretary of India
- C. Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare
- D. President of India



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet Secretary chaired a National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) meeting to review preparedness for heat waves and forest fires. NCMC, a key national-level decision-making body for disaster management, coordinates relief efforts, provides support to state governments, and ensures preventive measures. Chaired by the Cabinet Secretary, it includes Secretaries from relevant ministries and agencies.**

2. Which organization recently released the 'Child Nutrition Report 2024'?

- A. UNICEF
- B. WHO
- C. UNDP
- D. World Bank



- ✓ **UNICEF's "Child Nutrition Report, 2024" highlights severe child food poverty (CFP) affecting 27% of children globally. In India, 40% suffer from severe CFP, the second highest in South Asia. Key issues include the prevalence of unhealthy foods. Contributing factors are inequities, conflict, climate crises, and food marketing. Recommendations include improving data systems, transforming food systems, and enhancing health services for child nutrition.**

3. What is the primary objective of the 'TRISHNA mission'?

- A. Exploring outer space
- B. Monitoring surface temperature and
Water management at regional to global scale
- C. Studying ocean currents
- D. Mapping the moon's surface



- ✓ **The TRISHNA mission, a collaboration between ISRO and CNES, aims to monitor surface temperature and water management globally. Its objectives include detailed monitoring of energy and water budgets, assessing urban heat islands, and detecting thermal anomalies. The mission features two primary payloads: CNES's Thermal Infra-Red sensor and ISRO's VNIR-SWIR payload. Operating in a sun-synchronous orbit, TRISHNA will significantly enhance climate monitoring and urban planning over its 5-year operational life.**

4. Recently, which countries were elected as non-permanent members of the UNSC for the 2025-26 term?

- A. Ukraine, Israel, Somalia and Maldives
- B. Uganda, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan
- C. Pakistan, Somalia, Denmark, Greece and Panama
- D. Peru and Chile



- ✓ **Pakistan, Somalia, Denmark, Greece, and Panama were elected as non-permanent members of the UNSC for a two-year term via secret ballot, requiring two-thirds of the 193-member General Assembly. Pakistan marks its 8th term. The 1963 UN Charter amendment increased non-permanent members from 6 to 10.**

5. Recently, which state government inaugurated plastic waste management and recycling plant?

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



- ✓ **The Trishakti Corps of the Indian Army marked World Environment Day with "Go Green Initiatives" in North Bengal and Sikkim, including the launch of a plastic waste management plant in East Sikkim. Part of the Sadbhavana initiative, the project aims to promote sustainability and local economic development by recycling plastic waste into road materials and bricks. This effort creates jobs for villagers and aligns with the Army's commitment to environmental sustainability, aiming to eliminate landfills by 2027.**

6. Recently, where was the first meeting of the Joint Task Force on Investment (JTFI) between India and Qatar held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Doha
- C. Chennai
- D. Kanyakumari



- ✓ **The inaugural meeting of the Joint Task Force on Investment (JTFI) between India and Qatar took place in New Delhi, co-chaired by officials from both nations. The JTFI aims to enhance investment cooperation and bilateral relations, focusing on sectors like infrastructure, energy, and technology. It highlights the shared commitment to inclusive development and mutual growth, reinforcing the strong economic ties between India and Qatar based on shared values and common objectives.**

7. How many women have won the recently Lok Sabha elections?

- A. 67
- B. 74
- C. 79
- D. 97

74

- ✓ In the recent Lok Sabha elections, 74 women were elected, a slight decrease from 78 in 2019. These 74 women MPs constitute 13.63% of the Lower House, still far from the desired 33% representation. Despite progress over the years, women's representation in the Lok Sabha remains slow and inconsistent. However, this number marks a significant increase from the first elections in 1952, where only 22 women were elected.

8. What is the theme of 'World Oceans Day 2024'?

- A. Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing
- B. Awaken New Depth
- C. Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean
- D. The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods



- ✓ World Oceans Day 2024, celebrated on June 8th, aims to raise awareness about the importance of oceans and their conservation. The theme, "Awaken New Depths," focuses on the impact of human activity on marine environments and promotes sustainable ocean management. Events and campaigns worldwide support this cause, with the United Nations hosting the main celebration at its New York Headquarters.

9. A J T Johnsingh, who recently passed away, belonged to which field?

- A. Wildlife conservationist
- B. Entertainer
- C. Poet
- D. Politician



- ✓ Distinguished Indian wildlife conservationist and biologist A J T Johnsingh passed away at 78 in Bengaluru on June 7, 2024. Born in Tamil Nadu's Western Ghats, he was influenced by Jim Corbett's tales. Johnsingh joined the Wildlife Institute of India and played key roles in tiger conservation and various organizations. His research focused on diverse species, and he authored over 70 scientific papers and 80 popular articles on wildlife conservation.

10. Recently, who won the gold medal in the men's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2024 in Munich, Germany?

- A. Saurabh Chaudhary
- B. Divyansh Singh
- C. Sarabjot Singh
- D. Abhishek Verma



- ✓ Sarabjot Singh won India's first medal at the ISSF World Cup in Munich, Germany, held from May 31 to June 8, 2024. He scored 242.7 points to win gold in the men's 10-meter air pistol event. Shuaihang Bu of China won silver, and Germany's Robin Walter took bronze. Sift Kaur Samra secured a bronze in the women's 50-meter rifle event. India is third in the medal tally with two medals.

11. Mongla Port is located in which country?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Myanmar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. India



- ✓ India aims to operate Mongla Port in Bangladesh and build a new terminal to counter China's regional influence. Mongla, the second largest seaport in Bangladesh, is strategically located 62 km from the Bay of Bengal, protected by the Sundarban forest. India's interest in Mongla will improve access and reduce transportation costs to northeastern states like Assam and Tripura. India Ports Global Limited has expressed interest, following the 2015 MoU for transit.

12. Which organization recently launched new initiatives for "greening education" in classrooms?

- A. World Bank
- B. UNICEF
- C. UNESCO
- D. UNEP



- ✓ UNESCO has launched new tools under the Greening Education Partnership: The Greening Curriculum Guidance (GCG) and Green School Quality Standards (GSQS). The GCG offers a practical manual for mainstreaming environmental topics in curricula, detailing expected learning outcomes. The GSQS sets minimum requirements for creating green schools with an action-oriented approach. This initiative, involving 80 member states, aims to equip learners with the skills to tackle climate change and promote sustainable development.

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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



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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.

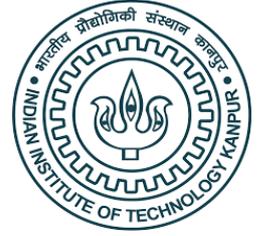
9. What is "sticky inflation"?

- 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



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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?

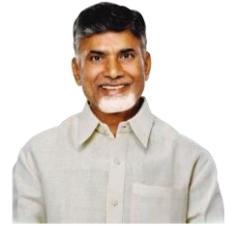
- A. Pooja Tomar
- B. Rajani Deory
- C. Roshibina Devi
- D. Nyeman Wangsu



- ✓ **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?

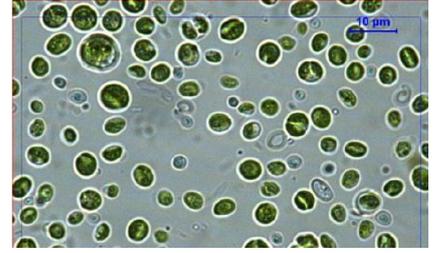
- A. World Economic Forum
- B. World Meteorological Organization
- C. International Labour Organization
- D. World Bank



- ✓ 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

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- ✓ 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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1. Recently, who became the first Indian to win a three-star Grand Prix event in equestrian?

- A. Roshni Sharma
- B. Shruti Vora
- C. Alisha Abdullah
- D. Kalyani Potekar



- ✓ **Shruti Vora, a 53-year-old from Kolkata, became the first Indian to win a three-star Grand Prix event in equestrian. She triumphed in the CDI-3 event at the FEI Dressage World Cup in Lipica, Slovenia, on June 7, 2024, scoring 67.761 points on her horse Magnanimous. Vora has previously represented India in the 2022 Dressage World Championships and the 2010 and 2014 Asian Games.**

2. Lipulekh Pass is located in which state?

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



- ✓ **Indian traders have urged the central government to resume border trade with China through the Lipulekh Pass. Located in Uttarakhand at 5,334 meters, Lipulekh connects India with Tibet and is key for trade and the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra pilgrimage. Historically significant as a trade route, it was the first Indian border post for trade with China, opened in 1992, followed by Shipki La and Nathu La passes.**

3. What is 'Olympus Mons'?

- A. A shield volcano on Mars
- B. Invasive plant
- C. Nuclear Ballistic Submarine
- D. Short Range Ballistic Missile



- ✓ **Scientists discovered frost on Mars' tallest volcano, Olympus Mons, indicating an active water cycle. Olympus Mons, a 3.5-billion-year-old shield volcano in Mars' western hemisphere, is the highest point on Mars and the largest volcano in the solar system. It stands 16 miles (24 km) high, about three times taller than Mt. Everest.**

4. 'Kavli Prizes' are awarded for which fields?

- A. Literature, Peace, and Music
- B. Economics, Environment and Chemistry
- C. Astrophysics, Nanoscience and Neuroscience
- D. Agriculture, Physics and Maths

- ✓ The 2024 Kavli Prize winners were announced, honoring contributions in astrophysics, neuroscience, and nanoscience. David Charbonneau and Sara Seager received the astrophysics prize for exoplanet discoveries. In nanoscience, Robert Langer, Armand Paul Alivisatos, and Chad Mirkin were awarded for biomedical breakthroughs. In neuroscience, Nancy Kanwisher, Winrich Freiwald, and Doris Tsao were recognized for their pioneering work on facial recognition and brain mapping. The prizes, established in 2008, commemorate Fred Kavli.

5. Which ministry recently launched an e-flow ecological monitoring system that allows real-time monitoring of river quality?

- A. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- B. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. Ministry of Rural Development



जल शक्ति मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
JAL SHAKTI

- ✓ The Union Jal Shakti Ministry launched an e-flow ecological monitoring system for real-time planning and monitoring of river projects and water quality. Developed by NMCG, it analyzes Ganga and Yamuna water quality, tracks Namami Gange program activities, and ensures STPs operate efficiently. This system supports sustainable Ganga River flow by monitoring crucial parameters across 11 projects.

6. Teesta River, recently seen in news due to flood in West Bengal, is tributary of which river?

- A. River Brahmaputra
- B. River Yamuna
- C. River Narmada
- D. River Kaveri



- ✓ Kalimpong in West Bengal faces extensive damage from heavy rains, causing flooding in the Teesta River. The Teesta, a Brahmaputra tributary, originates from glacial lakes in Sikkim, spanning 309 km. It flows south through deep gorges in the Siwalik Hills, before turning eastward into Bangladesh. Major tributaries include Lachung Chhu and Rangit River.

7. Which organization recently released the "UNTAPPED: Collective Intelligence for Climate Action" report?

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



- ✓ The UNDP's "Untapped Collective Intelligence for Climate Action" report highlights the potential of Collective Intelligence (CI) in climate adaptation and mitigation. CI enhances capabilities by combining diverse contributions through collaboration and technology.
- ✓ It bridges gaps in data by mobilizing citizens for real-time information, in action by involving more people, and in diversity by including varied perspectives, such as those of Indigenous communities, in climate processes and data collection.

8. Divya Drishti AI tool has been developed under the technical guidance of which organization?

- A. Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR)
- B. Centre for Advanced Technology
- C. National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- D. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)



- ✓ The AI tool "Divya Drishti," developed by a start-up under the guidance of the DRDO's Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR), a lab of DRDO, combines facial recognition with gait analysis to create a robust authentication system. This enhances identification accuracy and reduces the risk of false positives and identity fraud. Its applications include defence, law enforcement, corporate, and public infrastructure sectors.

9. Kheer Bhawani Temple is located in which state/UT?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Assam
- C. Jammu and Kashmir
- D. Lakshadweep



- ✓ Thousands of Kashmiri Pandits gathered at the Kheer Bhawani temple in Tulumulla, Ganderbal, for the annual Zeisht Ashtami festival. Built by Maharaja Pratap Singh in 1912 and renovated by Maharaja Hari Singh, the temple is dedicated to Goddess Ragnya Devi, an incarnation of Durga. The Kheer Bhawani Mela is also celebrated at shrines in Kupwara, Anantnag, and Kulgam.

10. Raja Parb is an agricultural-based festival of which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Assam
- C. Punjab
- D. Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The President of India attended the Raja Parb celebration at Rashtrapati Bhavan for the first time. Raja Parb, an agriculture-based festival from Odisha, is celebrated with great enthusiasm, particularly by women and children, during the onset of monsoons. The three-day-long festival is one of Odisha's most significant celebrations.

11. Recently, India launched a Local Currency Settlement System with which country?

- A. UAE
- B. Russia
- C. Canada
- D. Maldives



- ✓ India and the UAE have launched a Local Currency Settlement System (LCSS) for bilateral trade in Indian Rupees and UAE Dirhams, reducing reliance on the US Dollar. This initiative aims to simplify trade processes, reduce transaction costs, and enhance economic ties between the countries through direct currency settlements.

12. Recently, the APEDA has facilitated the successful export of the first consignment of MD 2 variety pineapples to which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. UAE
- C. Myanmar
- D. France



- ✓ The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has facilitated the first export of MD 2 pineapples, also known as "Golden Ripe" or "Super Sweet," to the UAE. The shipment included 8.7 metric tons (650 boxes) of pineapples. Developed by Del Monte in the 1980s, MD 2 pineapples are primarily grown in Costa Rica, the Philippines, and Thailand, with Indian production in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg district.

13. Which country will host the multinational air exercise 'Tarang Shakti 2024' in August?

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



- ✓ The Indian Air Force will host its first multinational exercise, Tarang Shakti 2024, in August 2024. Around 10 countries, including Australia, France, Germany, Japan, Spain, the UAE, the UK, and the US, are expected to participate, with others as observers. Initially scheduled for late 2023, the exercise was deferred. The event will enhance interoperability with friendly neighboring air forces.

14. Which organization recently supported the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) to achieve sustainable waste management in the city?

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



THE WORLD BANK

- ✓ The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC), with World Bank assistance, aims to enhance trash management by 2026-2027, focusing on stopping waste disposal at the Kodungaiyur dump. In a recent meeting with state officials, GCC discussed making solid waste management strategic, setting a Zero Waste goal, and eventually closing the Perungudi dumpsite following Kodungaiyur's success.

15. Matsya 6000 is developed by which institute?

- A. IIT, Roorkee
- B. National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai
- C. IIT, Kanpur
- D. National Institute of Oceanography



- ✓ India is set to become the 6th country with a Deep Sea Mission, planning the first harbor trial at 40-50 meters depth by September 2024. The Matsya 6000, a three-person submersible developed by Chennai's National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), will reach depths of 6,000 meters. Made of 80mm-thick titanium alloy, it can operate for 12-16 hours with a 96-hour oxygen supply. This mission is expected to boost India's economy significantly.

16. Recently, where was the 'Swiss Peace Summit' held?

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



- ✓ The two-day Summit on Peace in Ukraine at Switzerland's Burgenstock resort concluded with hopes of ending the Russia-Ukraine war. Out of 100 delegations, 80 countries and four organizations supported the final joint communiqué. The Swiss Peace Summit, focused on facilitating dialogue and negotiations to end the conflict that started in February 2022, gathered international representatives to discuss and promote peace initiatives.

17. Recently, which organization has developed a new tool to predict the emergence of El Nino and La Nina conditions?

- A. Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)
- B. National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT)
- C. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- D. Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER)



- ✓ The Hyderabad-based Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) has developed the Bayesian Convolutional Neural Network (BCNN) to predict El Nino and La Nina conditions. Utilizing AI, deep learning, and ML, BCNN forecasts ENSO phases by observing ocean-atmosphere interactions and using the Nino3.4 index.
- ✓ Established in 1999 under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, INCOIS provides ocean data, information, and advisory services to various stakeholders.

18. Which day is observed as 'World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought' every year?

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



- ✓ On June 17th, the world observes the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, raising awareness about land degradation's severe impacts. This year's theme, "United for Land. Our Legacy. Our Future," highlights the vital importance of collective land stewardship to protect the environment and support communities globally.

19. Which ministry recently organised the 'Global Wind Day' event with a central theme of 'Pawan-Urja: Powering the Future of India'?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Agriculture
- C. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- D. Ministry of Urban Development



नवीन एवं
नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
NEW AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

- ✓ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) celebrated Global Wind Day on June 15, 2024, highlighting India's wind energy achievements and future potential. With the theme "Pawan-Urja: Powering the Future of India," the event featured discussions on wind energy's role in meeting power demand, accelerating onshore adoption, and offshore development.
- ✓ India, with 46.4 GW of installed wind power capacity, aims to achieve 50% non-fossil fuel-based power by 2030 and net zero by 2070.

20. What is the rank of India in the 'Environment Performance Index 2024'?

- A. 156th
- B. 166th
- C. 176th
- D. 186th



- ✓ Despite the Union government's environmental improvement claims, India ranks 176th out of 180 nations in the 2024 Environmental Performance Index (EPI), slightly better than its 180th position in 2022. Compiled by Yale and Columbia researchers, the EPI assesses green performance across multiple parameters. Since 2012, India has consistently declined in this index, highlighting ongoing environmental challenges.

21. Indian Railways recently operated the first trial train from Sangaldan to Reasi, crossing the world's highest rail bridge on which river?

- A. Sutlej
- B. Jhelum
- C. Chenab
- D. Yamuna



- ✓ Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the completion of the first trial run of the Sangaldan-Reasi train, crossing the world's highest railway bridge, the Chenab Bridge. Situated in Jammu and Kashmir, the bridge stands 359 meters above the Chenab River, approximately 35 meters taller than the Eiffel Tower.

22. Recently, where was the second edition of Exercise Red Flag 2024 held?

- A. Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma
- B. Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska
- C. Beale Air Force Base, California
- D. Creech Air Force Base, Nevada



- ✓ An Indian Air Force contingent, including Rafale aircraft, participated in Exercise Red Flag 2024 at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. This advanced aerial combat training involved air forces from Singapore, UK, Netherlands, Germany, and the US.
- ✓ Conducted four times annually by the US Air Force, Red Flag simulates realistic combat scenarios with Red Force defending and Blue Force attacking, enhancing international air force cooperation and readiness. This marked the debut of IAF's Rafale in Red Flag exercises.

23. Recently, which regulatory body has been awarded the 'Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024' by Central Banking, London, UK?

- A. RBI
- B. NABARD
- C. SEBI
- D. SBI



- ✓ In 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) received the "Risk Manager of the Year Award" from Central Banking in London. This accolade recognizes RBI's efforts in enhancing risk management policies and ensuring financial stability in India. Mr. Manoranjan Mishra, RBI's Executive Director, accepted the award, highlighting RBI's achievements in risk culture and setting benchmarks for global central banks in effective risk management practices.

24. Recently, which state has won the award for maximum wind power installed capacity?

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



- ✓ Gujarat received the "1st Rank" award for highest wind power installed capacity at the "Pawan - Urja: Powering the Future of India" event, celebrating Global Wind Day in New Delhi. Gujarat surpassed Tamil Nadu with 11,823 MW of installed capacity by May 2024, compared to Tamil Nadu's 10,743 MW. Karnataka ranked third with 6,312 MW. The award was accepted by Gujarat officials Mamta Verma and Jai Prakash Shivahare.

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1. Which country's scientists recently discovered new pattern of solar atmospheric rotation by using CHASE telescope?

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



- ✓ Chinese scientists using the CHASE telescope have discovered a new pattern in the sun's atmospheric rotation, providing the first accurate 3D picture of this phenomenon. Published in Nature Astronomy, this breakthrough enhances understanding of the sun's magnetic activity and atmospheric behavior. CHASE, a satellite project, aims to deepen knowledge of solar dynamics.

2. Digital Health Incentive Scheme was launched under which initiative?

- A. Mission Indhradhanush
- B. Universal health care
- C. Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
- D. Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana



Ayushman Bharat
Digital Mission

Ayushman Bharat
Digital Mission
Building Digital Health Ecosystem

- ✓ The central government has extended the Digital Health Incentive Scheme (DHIS) for digitising patients' health records and linking them with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Account (ABHA ID) until June 30, 2025.
- ✓ Launched on January 1, 2023, under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, the DHIS aims to promote digital health practices in India. Eligibility includes health facilities and digital solution companies, with incentives based on the number of ABHA-linked digital health records created.

3. What is 'Planet Nine'?

- A. A hypothetical planet in the outer region of our solar system
- B. A moon of Neptune
- C. Comets from the Kuiper Belt
- D. A newly discovered moon of saturn



- ✓ Astronomers have been searching for a hypothetical ninth planet, Planet Nine, in the outer solar system for nearly a decade. Proposed to explain anomalies in the orbits of distant trans-Neptunian objects, Planet Nine is estimated to be 5-10 times the mass of Earth with a highly elliptical orbit, ranging from 400 to 800 AU from the Sun. Experts believe we may soon find it.

4. What is the main objective of 'SDG 7'?

- A. Promote nuclear energy development
- B. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50%
- C. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all
- D. Increase fossil fuel production worldwide



- ✓ **The SDG 7: Energy Progress Report 2024 reveals the world is not on track to meet SDG 7 by 2030. Initiated in 2018, this annual report is the key reference for SDG 7 progress. It aims to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all. The report is produced by IEA, IRENA, UNSD, World Bank, and WHO.**

5. Astronomers recently discovered a new supernova 'SN 2023adsy' by using which telescope?

- A. Hubble Space Telescope
- B. James Webb Space Telescope
- C. Spitzer Space Telescope
- D. Chandra X-ray Observatory



- ✓ **Using the James Webb Space Telescope, astronomers discovered SN 2023adsy, the most distant Type Ia supernova detected. A supernova is a cataclysmic explosion of a massive star, with Type I occurring when a star accumulates matter from a neighbor, and Type II when a star collapses under its gravity. Supernovas, the largest explosions in space, outshine galaxies, produce heavy elements, and occur once every 50 years in Milky Way-sized galaxies.**

6. What is 'Filoboletus manipularis'?

- A. Spider
- B. Fish
- C. Mushroom
- D. Invasive weed



- ✓ **Researchers recently discovered a rare bioluminescent mushroom species, Filoboletus manipularis, in Kasaragod forests. These mushrooms glow bright green at night due to a chemical reaction involving luciferin and luciferase. They thrive in tropical, humid environments with decaying organic matter. This bioluminescence likely attracts insects, aiding in spore dispersal.**

7. Which country recently hosted the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM)?

- A. India
- B. Indonesia
- C. Bhutan
- D. China



- ✓ India hosted the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM) in Kochi and announced a successor to its Maitri research base, Maitri II. Saudi Arabia joined the Antarctic Treaty Parties. India emphasized inclusive governance, stating that geopolitics should not influence Antarctica's governance and that the treaty should not remain an exclusive club of select nations.

8. Recently, which state government is actively promoting Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR), or 'tar-wattar' technique?

- A. Haryana
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Punjab
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ The Punjab government is promoting the DSR (or 'Tar-wattar') technique, which is more suitable for heavy or medium-to-heavy-textured soils due to better water retention. Light-textured soils, which require frequent irrigation, negate DSR's water-saving benefits. The Majha and Doaba regions of Punjab predominantly have suitable soil types for DSR, while Malwa has a mix of soil textures, including light-textured soils.

9. Which two ministries signed a MoU on 'Krishi Sakhi convergence program (KSCP)'?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and the Ministry of Rural Development
 - B. Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Jal Shakti
 - C. Ministry of Urban Development and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 - D. Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Rural Development
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi awarded certificates to over 30,000 self-help groups as Krishi Sakhis in Varanasi on June 18, 2024. Recognizing women's pivotal role in agriculture, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, along with the Ministry of Rural Development, collaborated on the Krishi Sakhi Certification Programme through an MoU signed in August 2023, aimed at enhancing rural women's skills and empowerment in agricultural practices.

10. Which company partnered with Tamil Nadu to provide IT skills training to over 200,000 students in the state under Naan Mudhalvan program?

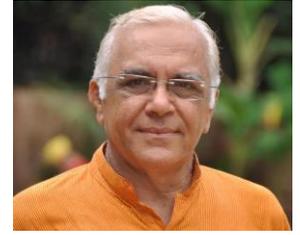
- A. Google
- B. Microsoft
- C. Meta
- D. Oracle



- ✓ Oracle has partnered with Tamil Nadu for the Naan Mudhalvan program, aiming to train 200,000+ students in advanced IT skills like cloud computing, AI, data science, ML, and blockchain. This initiative underscores Oracle's commitment to enhancing youth employability through digital and campus-based learning, offering certifications in cutting-edge technologies.
- ✓ The collaboration aims to equip students with skills essential for the future job market, emphasizing Oracle's role in fostering technological expertise among the youth.

11. Recently, who has made history as the first Indian to receive the prestigious 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award'?

- A. Vinod Ganatra
- B. Ravi Gaikwad
- C. Amit Dutta
- D. Ashvin Kumar



- ✓ **Vinod Ganatra, a prominent children's filmmaker from India, has been honored with South Africa's prestigious 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award' for his contributions to cinema. He is the first Indian to receive this accolade, presented at the 7th Nelson Mandela Children's Film Festival. Ganatra's career spans over four decades, producing numerous documentaries and youth programs, and winning 36 national and international awards, including the 'Liv Ullmann Peace Prize' and 'DadaSaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award.'**

12. What is the theme of 'World Sickle Cell Day 2024'?

- A. Hope Through Progress: Advancing Sickle Cell Care Globally
- B. Celebrating Progress
- C. Shine the Light on Sickle Cell
- D. Increase public awareness and understanding of sickle cell disease



- ✓ **World Sickle Cell Day is observed on June 19 to raise awareness about sickle cell disease, a genetic blood disorder. Established by a 2008 UN resolution, it aims to inform the public and stakeholders about early detection and prevention. The 2024 theme, "Hope through Progress: Advancing Sickle Cell Care Globally," emphasizes improving care and providing relief for patients worldwide.**

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1. Nalanda University is located in which state?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Gujarat
- C. Bihar
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the new Nalanda University campus near the ancient ruins in Rajgir, Bihar. Founded by Kumargupta in the 5th century, Nalanda was a renowned monastic university for 600 years, flourishing under Harshavardhan and the Pala monarchs. It attracted students from across Asia, teaching subjects like Buddhism, medicine, and astronomy. Destroyed in 1193 by Bakhtiyar Khilji, it was rediscovered in 1812 and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

2. Recently, which country became the first Southeast Asian country to recognize same-sex marriage?

- A. Thailand
- B. Vietnam
- C. Malaysia
- D. Singapore



- ✓ Thailand became the first Southeast Asian country to recognize same-sex marriage. Despite its inclusive reputation, Thailand faced decades of challenges passing this law due to conservative societal and governmental values. The bill grants full legal, financial, and medical rights to marriage partners of any gender. It awaits formal endorsement by King Maha Vajiralongkorn and will become effective within 120 days.

3. What is 'Ophichthus Suryai'?

- A. A rare fish discovered in West Bengal
- B. A invasive weed found in Northeastern states
- C. A newly discovered species of snake eel
- D. Military weapon



- ✓ Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India's Gopalpur centre discovered a new snake eel species, 'Ophichthus Suryai,' in Odisha. This species differs from its congeners by the dorsal fin origin near the gill opening, unique vertebral count, and multiple rows of teeth on both jaws. Snake eels, marine fishes of the Ophichthidae family, inhabit warm, tropical waters, often hiding at the sea bottom, and can grow up to 10 feet.

4. Recently, a rare celestial phenomenon called a "double sun halo" was recently witnessed in which region of India?

- A. Western Ghats
- B. Ladakh
- C. Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- D. Thar desert



- ✓ Recently, a rare "double sun halo" was observed over Ladakh. This optical phenomenon features two concentric rings around the sun, caused by sunlight refracting through ice crystals in cirrus clouds. The inner halo has a 22-degree radius, while the outer halo spans 46 degrees. The unique alignment of hexagonal ice crystals in the clouds creates this dazzling effect.

5. Recently, who was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar for Telugu?

- A. Ramesh Karthik Naik
- B. Neelum Saran
- C. Vikram Singh
- D. Jyoti Gupta



- ✓ Ramesh Karthik Naik, a 26-year-old writer from Vivek Nagar, Nizamabad district, received the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar for Telugu literature. Instituted in 2011, this award honors young writers under 35 for their creative works in 24 languages. It includes a plaque, shawl, citation, and a ₹50,000 cheque. The Sahitya Akademi, established in 1954, promotes literature in Indian languages autonomously under the Government of India, playing a pivotal role in literary discourse and publication.

6. Truenat platform is associated with which disease?

- A. Dengue
- B. Cancer
- C. Tuberculosis
- D. Malaria



- ✓ India's Truenat TB diagnostics, developed by Molbio, impressed at the World Health Assembly. Launched in 2017, it's a portable micro-PCR system for rapid diagnosis of TB types, including drug-resistant strains.
- ✓ Delivering results in under an hour, it's deployed widely across India, aiding early treatment critical in a country with high TB mortality. India, comprising 27% of global TB cases, benefits from over 7,000 health centers using Truenat under its National TB Elimination Programme.

7. Recently, which country's scientists have developed a catalyst to produce cheaper biodiesel?

- A. Brazil, Malaysia and Indonesia
- B. Russia, Germany and France
- C. India, China and United Kingdom
- D. Japan, Canada, and Israel



- ✓ Scientists from Assam, Odisha (India), China, and the U.K. have developed a water-repellent catalyst to significantly reduce biodiesel production costs. Biofuels are quickly produced from biomass, unlike slow fossil fuel formation. They're primarily liquid or gaseous and commonly blended with petroleum products for transportation.

8. Recently, which state government has announced waiver of farm loans up to 2 lakh rupees to provide relief to over 1.91 lakh farmers in the state?

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



- ✓ The Jharkhand government has announced a farm loan waiver of up to 2 lakh rupees for over 1.91 lakh farmers. Loans taken by farmers between 50,000 and 2 lakh rupees until March 31, 2020, will be waived through a one-time settlement. This decision aims to provide significant relief to farmers, following an earlier crop loan waiver of up to 50 thousand rupees in the fiscal year 2021-22.

9. According to the SIPRI report, how many nuclear warheads does India currently have?

- A. 150
- B. 105
- C. 172
- D. 127

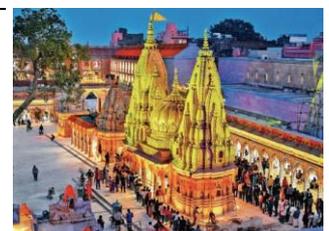


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- ✓ Recently, SIPRI reported on nuclear warheads, revealing China's arsenal at 500 warheads, tripling India and Pakistan's counts. Some Chinese warheads are on high alert for the first time. India's arsenal stands at 172 warheads, slightly surpassing Pakistan's 170. India is expanding its nuclear triad with advanced submarines and long-range missiles.

10. Kashi Vishwanath Temple corridor project is associated with which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Assam
- C. Punjab
- D. Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Indian Prime Minister's recent visit to Varanasi marked his first since assuming office for the third time. He inaugurated the Kashi Vishwanath Temple corridor's first phase, linking it to the Ganga River banks, highlighting India's Sanatan culture. PM Modi praised Varanasi's historical resilience and cultural richness. He offered prayers at Kaal Bhairav Temple and witnessed Ganga Aarti.

11. Recently, which IIT has developed a 'Crowd Eye' device that can send alerts when the number of pilgrims exceeds the capacity of shrines?

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



- ✓ IIT Roorkee developed the 'Crowd Eye' device to manage increasing pilgrim footfall at Char Dham shrines, starting with Yamunotri. This device provides real-time crowd monitoring. A funding request has been submitted to UCOST for installation. The project, costing 60-70 thousand rupees, awaits budget approval and patenting. Future updates will include gender differentiation in crowd data.

12. Recently, who has been appointed as the pro-tem Speaker in the Lok Sabha?

- A. Daggubati Purandeswari
- B. Bhartruhari Mahtab
- C. K Suresh
- D. Mohan Singh



- ✓ BJP leader and seven-time MP Bhartruhari Mahtab was appointed pro-tem Speaker of the Lok Sabha. His duties include administering the oath to newly elected members of the 18th Lok Sabha and presiding over the House until the Speaker is elected. The pro-tem Speaker is a temporary position, essential for the initial functioning of a newly formed Lok Sabha.

13. Which state received the highest number of complaints to the National Commission for Women (NCW) in 2024?

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



- ✓ In 2024, the National Commission for Women (NCW) received the most complaints from Uttar Pradesh (6,492), followed by Delhi (1,119) and Maharashtra (764). Out of 12,648 total complaints, 3,567 concerned "right to dignity," 3,213 were for domestic violence, and 1,963 for dowry harassment. Manipur, despite significant violence, recorded only six complaints. Other states also reported varying numbers of complaints.

14. Recently, who won a gold medal at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland?

- A. Neeraj Chopra
- B. Toni Keranen
- C. Oliver Helander
- D. Anderson Peters



- ✓ **Olympic Gold medallist Neeraj Chopra won the gold medal at the Paavo Nurmi Games 2024 in Finland with a throw of 85.97m on June 18. This was his third event of the season, after missing the Ostrava Golden Spike meet due to injury. Chopra's performance reaffirms his top form as he prepares for the Paris Olympics next month.**

15. Which day is observed as 'World Refugee Day' every year?

- A. 19 June
- B. 20 June
- C. 21 June
- D. 22 June



- ✓ **World Refugee Day is celebrated annually on June 20 to raise awareness about refugees' plight and promote their inclusion. The 2024 theme is "For a World Where Refugees Are Welcomed." Established in 2001 to mark the 1951 Refugee Convention's 50th anniversary, it underscores international cooperation. Refugees flee due to conflict, persecution, and violence, highlighting the need for global solidarity and lasting solutions to the refugee crisis.**

16. What is the aim of the National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (NFIES), recently approved by government of India?

- A. To improve healthcare infrastructure
- B. To strengthen the criminal forensic infrastructure
- C. To enhance educational facilities
- D. To develop transportation systems



- ✓ **The Indian government approved the National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (NFIES) to strengthen forensic infrastructure, aiding the criminal justice system. Approved on June 19, 2024, by the Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, the NFIES will be implemented by the Home Ministry. It supports new criminal laws effective July 1, 2024, requiring mandatory forensic investigation for severe crimes. NFIES includes new campuses for the National Forensic Sciences University and additional Central Forensic Science Laboratories.**

17. Recently, the Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), in collaboration with Svyasa, organized a Conference on "Yoga for Space" at which place?

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



- ✓ The Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN) and Svyasa University organized the "Yoga for Space" conference at S-Vyasa University, Bengaluru, for International Day of Yoga 2024, themed "Yoga for Self & Society." The event featured keynote addresses from Indian institutions and highlighted various activities promoting yoga, including global contests and innovative challenges. The conference emphasized yoga's role in fostering a healthy society and its potential applications for astronauts.

18. Which organization recently published the report 'Sustainable Development Report 2024'?

- A. World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- B. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- C. World Bank
- D. Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)



- ✓ The Sustainable Development Report 2024 reveals significant delays in achieving most 2015 SDG targets, such as reducing poverty and hunger. Published by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network, it highlights that only 16% of goals are on track for 2030. Released before the UN Summit of the Future, it proposes key UN reforms and introduces an index for UN-based multilateralism. Finland, Sweden, and Denmark lead the rankings.

19. What is the rank of India on the 'Energy Transition Index 2024'?

- A. 63rd
- B. 65th
- C. 73rd
- D. 75th



- ✓ India is ranked 63rd on the global Energy Transition Index 2024 by the World Economic Forum. The index monitors the global shift towards sustainable, secure, and accessible energy systems. Sweden tops the rankings, followed by Denmark, Finland, Switzerland, and France. Despite notable progress by emerging economies like Brazil and China, 83% of countries regressed in security, equity, or sustainability. The gap between advanced and developing economies is narrowing, despite disparities.

20. What is the main objective of the '5G Intelligent Village' initiative?

- A. To improve urban connectivity
- B. To enhance satellite communication
- C. To uplift rural communities through 5G technology
- D. To develop new social media platforms



- ✓ **The Department of Telecommunications announced two initiatives—5G Intelligent Village and Quantum Encryption Algorithm (QEA)—to drive innovation in the telecom sector.**
- ✓ **These proposals aim to harness 5G technology for equitable technological advancement, focusing on rural upliftment through Ultra-Reliable Low-Latency Communication (URLLC) and massive Machine Type Communication (mMTC). The initiatives target critical areas like agriculture, education, healthcare, governance, and sustainability, demonstrating the benefits of 5G connectivity in selected villages.**

21. e-Shram portal is launched by which ministry?

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



- ✓ **At the 112th International Labour Conference in Geneva, India's delegation, led by the Secretary of the Ministry of Labour & Employment, highlighted the e-Shram portal. Launched in 2021, the portal registers unorganized workers across 400 occupations, providing a comprehensive national database. Fully Aadhaar-verified, it aims to facilitate access to social security schemes.**

22. INS Sunayna belongs to which type of class?

- A. Kalvari class
- B. Saryu class
- C. Arihant class
- D. None of the above



- ✓ **INS Sunayna, a Saryu-class Offshore Patrol Vessel commissioned in Kochi and based under the Southern Naval Command, visited Port Victoria, Seychelles on June 15, 2024. This visit, alongside SCGS Zoroaster, aims to enhance cooperation between the Indian Navy and Seychelles Coast Guard under the SAGAR vision. Built at Goa Shipyard Ltd, INS Sunayna supports fleet operations, coastal patrols, ocean surveillance.**

23. VadHAVAN Port is to be constructed in which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Kerala
- D. Odisha



- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved setting up a Major Port at VadHAVAN near Dahanu in Maharashtra. The Project will be constructed by VadHAVAN Port Project Limited (VPPL), an SPV formed by Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) and Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB) with a shareholding of 74% and 26%, respectively. The total project cost, including the land acquisition component is Rs.76,220 Crore.
- ✓ The Project, aligned with the objectives of PM Gati Shakti program, will add to further economic activity and also have the potential for direct and indirect employment opportunities for around 12 lakh individuals, thereby contributing to the local economy.

24. Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) mission was launched by which space organization?

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



- ✓ NASA's MAVEN orbiter, launched in 2013, recently captured stunning purple-colored auroras in Mars' atmosphere. MAVEN's primary mission is to study the Martian upper atmosphere and understand how solar activity has stripped away much of its atmosphere, transforming the planet into a cold, barren desert. This research aims to unravel Mars' transition from a potentially habitable world to its current state, crucial for understanding its past potential for microbial life.

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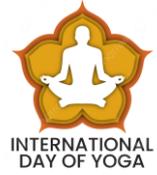
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1. What is the theme of 'International Yoga Day 2024'?

- 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

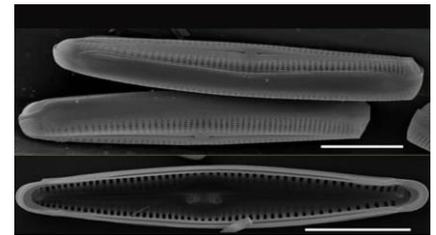


ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

- ✓ 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 *Afrocymbella*.

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?

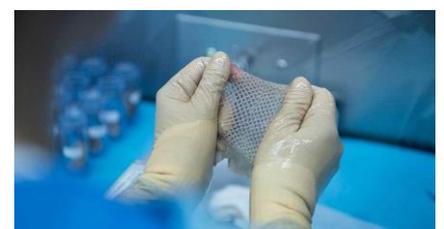
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B. Uttar Pradesh
C. Haryana
D. Bihar



- ✓ 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



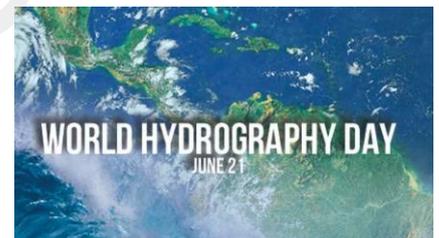
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- ✓ **Union Home Minister inaugurated the 'Fast Track Immigration – Trusted Traveller Programme' at Terminal-3 of Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. It is designed for faster, smoother and safer immigration clearance for international 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



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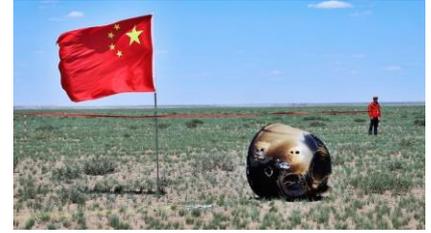
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1. Which country has recently become the first country to successfully collect and return samples from the far side of the Moon?

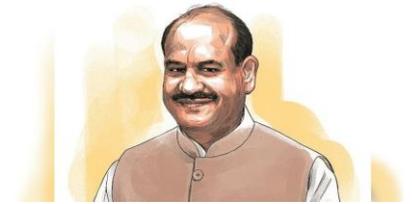
- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. India
- D. France



- ✓ **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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