

1. Which country will host the 28th Malabar naval exercise in October, in collaboration with the United States, Japan, and Australia?

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Myanmar



- ✓ India will host the 28th Malabar naval exercise in October, partnering with the United States, Japan, and Australia. The exercise aims to enhance military coordination and interoperability, focusing on advanced anti-submarine warfare and strategic naval maneuvers. It highlights India's strategic role in the Indo-Pacific region, emphasizing the importance of collaborative defense efforts among these nations.

2. What is the primary objective of Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) initiative?

- A. Increasing telecom services in urban areas
- B. Enhancing telecom networks in remote and rural areas
- C. Enhancing digital literacy in tribal areas
- D. Providing school kit to children in flood prone areas



- ✓ The Department of Telecommunications has proposed draft rules to implement the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), aiming to enhance telecom connectivity in rural areas. The DBN will replace the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), which was created to provide affordable telecom services in remote regions using a 5% Universal Service Levy on telecom operators' revenue. Established under the Telecommunications Act, 2023, the DBN seeks to expand networks in underserved areas where private companies may not invest.

3. Recently, who has been conferred with the "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur" (Knight of the Legion of Honour), the highest civilian award of France?

- A. Koppu Sadashiva Murthy
- B. Roshni Nadar Malhotra
- C. Pushp Kumar Joshi
- D. Alok Ohrie



- ✓ Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson of HCLTech, was awarded France's highest civilian honor, the "Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur," for her significant contributions to business and sustainability, as well as enhancing economic relations between France and India. The honor was presented by the French Ambassador to India, acknowledging her exceptional leadership and influence in international business and diplomacy.

4. Ariane 6 rocket was developed by which space agency?

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



- ✓ Europe's Ariane 6 rocket successfully launched satellites into orbit after a four-year delay. Developed by the European Space Agency (ESA) and Arianespace, this heavy-lift launch vehicle offers a cost-effective and flexible solution for commercial and government missions, utilizing both liquid and solid propellant engines. The ESA, established in 1975 and headquartered in Paris, coordinates space activities among member states and collaborates on projects like the International Space Station and the Rosetta mission.

5. What is the primary objective of the 'eSwasthya Dham portal'?

- A. To book accommodation for pilgrims
- B. To monitor the health parameters of Char Dham Yatra pilgrims
- C. To provide travel guides for pilgrims
- D. To facilitate payment for pilgrimage services



- ✓ The eSwasthya Dham portal, integrated with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), monitors the health parameters of pilgrims undertaking the Char Dham Yatra, which includes Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath. This initiative ensures a smooth pilgrimage experience, allowing pilgrims to create a 14-digit Ayushman Bharat Health Account number. Each site holds religious significance: Yamunotri is dedicated to Goddess Yamuna, Gangotri to Goddess Ganga, Kedarnath to Lord Shiva, and Badrinath to Lord Vishnu.

6. Where is the world's largest Ramayan temple being constructed?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Bihar
- C. Kerala
- D. Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ The world's largest Ramayan temple is being built in East Champaran, Bihar. It will be three times larger than the Ram Temple in Ayodhya and taller than Angkor Wat in Cambodia. The temple features a 33-foot tall shivling, made of black granite from Mamallapuram, and includes 22 smaller temples dedicated to key deities from the Ramayana. The main shikhar rises to 270 feet, with architectural inspiration drawn from notable temples in India and Cambodia.

7. Which day is observed as 'World Malala' Day every year?

- A. July.12
- B. July.13
- C. July.14
- D. July.15



- ✓ **World Malala Day, celebrated on July 12th, honors Malala Yousafzai's advocacy for women's and children's rights. Born on July 12, 1997, in Pakistan, Malala survived a Taliban assassination attempt in 2012. She gained global recognition, speaking at the UN on her 16th birthday, being named one of TIME's most influential people in 2013, and winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014. She continues her education and activism from Birmingham.**

8. Recently, who won the bronze medal in the Shotgun Junior World Cup in Italy?

- A. Manu Bhaker
- B. Anjali Bhagwat
- C. Sabeera Haris
- D. Nandita Das



- ✓ **India's Sabeera Haris won the bronze medal in the women's trap event at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Italy, shooting 29 out of 40 targets. Carey Garrison of the US took gold with 40 out of 50 targets, and Italy's Sofia Gori earned silver with 39 hits. Indian shooters Bhavya Tripathi and Rajkuwar Ingle finished 26th and 33rd, respectively.**

9. Recently, which organization has approved \$1.5 billion loan to India to develop the country's low-carbon energy sector?

- A. World Bank
- B. IMF
- C. ADB
- D. NATO



- ✓ **The World Bank approved a \$1.5 billion loan to India for developing its low-carbon energy sector, following a similar loan in 2023. The low-carbon energy sector includes fuels like hydrogen and biofuels, which emit less carbon than fossil fuels. India aims for net-zero carbon emissions by 2070, supported by initiatives like the National Green Hydrogen Mission, which uses renewable energy for hydrogen production.**

10. Jimmy Anderson, who recently announced his retirement from international cricket, belongs to which country?

- A. Australia
- B. South Africa
- C. England
- D. Ireland



- ✓ James Anderson, one of cricket's greats, retired from international cricket on July 12, 2024, after England defeated the West Indies by an innings and 114 runs at Lord's. Anderson, a right-arm fast bowler, debuted in 2002-03 and retired as the highest wicket-taker among fast bowlers with 704 wickets in 188 Test matches. He played 21 years, becoming the second-most capped Test player after Sachin Tendulkar.

11. NavIC, formerly known as the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), developed by which organization?

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



- ✓ The DRDO has tasked a Bengaluru firm with developing a receiver chip for the Indian navigation system NavIC, created by ISRO. NavIC, the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System, consists of seven satellites providing precise positioning and timing information across India and 1,500 km beyond. It offers services for civilian and defense use, with accuracy better than 10 meters in India. NavIC signals are compatible with other global navigation systems like GPS, Glonass, Galileo, and BeiDou.

12. Recently, which organization announced Rs 750 crore 'Agri SURE' fund to promote innovation in agriculture?

- A. NABARD
- B. ICAR
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Ministry of Agriculture



- ✓ NABARD recently announced the Agri-SURE fund to support start-ups and rural enterprises in agriculture. The ₹750 crore fund, with contributions from NABARD, the Ministry of Agriculture, and other institutions, will back 85 agri start-ups with investments up to ₹25 crore each. Agri-SURE focuses on innovation, technology, enhancing the value chain, creating rural linkages, generating employment, and supporting Farmers Producer Organisations. NABVENTURES will manage the fund.

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