

1. Shigella infection is an intestinal infection caused by which agent?

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



- ✓ **The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has partnered with an Indian manufacturer to produce a breakthrough vaccine for shigella infection, an intestinal disease caused by Shigella bacteria. Shigella causes symptoms like diarrhea, stomach pain, fever, and nausea. Highly contagious, it primarily affects children under five. No vaccine currently exists. Shigella causes about 125 million diarrheal cases and 160,000 deaths annually.**

2. Which institution recently released the 4th edition of SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) India Index 2023-24?

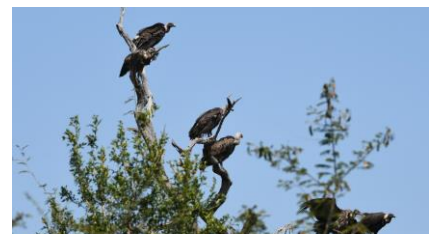
- A. NABARD
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- D. SEBI



- ✓ **NITI Aayog has released the 4th edition of the SDG India Index 2023-24, assessing progress across 113 indicators for all States and Union Territories (UTs). India's composite score improved from 66 in 2020-21 to 71 in 2023-24, with significant advancements in Goals 1, 8, and 13. Thirty-two States and UTs are classified as front-runners, while Uttarakhand and Kerala topped the list with scores of 79. Chandigarh is the leading Union Territory.**

3. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, recently seen in news due to vulture conservation, is located in which district?

- A. Erode
- B. Coimbatore
- C. Tenkasi
- D. Kanyakumari



- ✓ **A recent study reveals a lack of awareness regarding vulture conservation in the key habitats of Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve in Erode district of Tamil Nadu. Established in 2013, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve connects with Mudumalai and Bandipur Tiger Reserves and features diverse forests. It is home to notable wildlife, including elephants, tigers, and sloth bears. Key concerns for the reserve include sandalwood smuggling and poaching, which threaten its ecological balance and conservation efforts.**

4. Recently, the government has decided to observe which day as 'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas' every year?

- A. June.25
- B. June.26
- C. July.25
- D. July.26



- ✓ The government will observe June 25 as 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas' to commemorate the 1975 Emergency imposed by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. This period saw widespread suspension of fundamental rights, detention of opposition leaders, and press censorship. The 38th Amendment Act made emergency declarations immune to judicial review, a provision later revoked by the 44th Amendment in 1978. The day honors those who suffered during this tumultuous time in Indian history.

5. Recently, which country secured their 2nd consecutive Copa America championship by defeating Colombia?

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



- ✓ Argentina won their 16th Copa America title by defeating Colombia 1-0 in the final, held at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami. The tournament, hosted by the USA for the second time, featured 16 teams. Lautaro Martinez scored the winning goal in extra time. This victory marked Argentina's consecutive Copa America win and added to their 2022 FIFA World Cup triumph.

6. Who won the men's single title at the 2024 Wimbledon Tennis Championships?

- A. Roger Federer
- B. Novak Djokovic
- C. Carlos Alcaraz
- D. Max Purcell



- ✓ Carlos Alcaraz of Spain and Barbora Krejckova of Czech Republic won the men's and women's singles titles at the 2024 Wimbledon Tennis Championships. Alcaraz secured his second consecutive Wimbledon title by defeating Novak Djokovic, while Krejckova won her first Wimbledon title. The tournament, held from 1-14 July 2024, is the third Grand Slam event of the year and the only one played on natural grass.

7. Recently, Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli has become Prime Minister of which country?

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



- ✓ **Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli (K P Sharma Oli) was sworn in as Prime Minister of Nepal for the fourth time on 15 July 2024 by President Ram Chandra Paudel. Oli leads a coalition government after the fall of Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda's government. Per Nepal's constitution, the new government must seek a vote of confidence from the lower house within 30 days. Oli's previous terms were in 2015-2016, 2018-2021, and 2021.**

8. India will host the first World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in which state from November 20-24, 2024?

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



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- ✓ **India will host the first World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in Goa from 20-24 November 2024. The announcement was made by Union Minister Ashwani Vaishnaw, with Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and Minister Dr L Murugan present.**
- ✓ **Vaishnaw emphasized the government's commitment to supporting the media and entertainment sector and aims to make India a global content creation hub through supportive policies and strong intellectual property rights.**

9. Which state's natural farming model won the 2024 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity?

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



- ✓ **The Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) initiative, launched by Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS) in 2016, has won the 2024 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity. Awarded by Portugal-based Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, the prize honors contributions to global food security, climate resilience, and ecosystem protection. APCNF shares the €1 million prize with soil scientist Rattan Lal and Egypt-based SEKEM. Selected from 181 nominations, the award jury was chaired by former German Chancellor Angela Merkel.**

10. Recently, Union Home Minister inaugurated 'PM College of Excellence' in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Pradhan Mantri Colleges of Excellence in 55 districts of Madhya Pradesh. He congratulated the state for being the first to implement Prime Minister Narendra Modi's New Education Policy (NEP).
- ✓ He highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for India to excel globally by 2047, emphasizing the New Education Policy (NEP) introduced in 2020. Shah praised Madhya Pradesh as the first state to implement the NEP and its initiative to translate engineering and medical curriculums into the local language, aiding many students.

11. Mahabodhi Temple Complex is located in which state?

- A. Bihar
- B. Odisha
- C. West Bengal
- D. Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ A geospatial analysis using satellite images and ground surveys revealed "huge architectural wealth" buried in the Mahabodhi temple complex in Bodhi Gaya, Bihar. The Mahabodhi Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2002, marks the Buddha's Enlightenment spot. Built by Emperor Asoka in the 3rd century B.C., the current structure dates to the 5th-6th centuries and is a key example of early brick architecture and sculptural reliefs.

12. The Asur community primarily resides in which state?

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



- ✓ The Asur community, a particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG), resides in the Netarhat plateau region of Gumla, Jharkhand. They will soon receive benefits under the Forest Rights Act. The Asurs, with a population of around 23,000 as per the 2011 census, are traditionally iron-smelters and now primarily cultivators. They speak the Asur language, part of the Munda family.

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