

1. Tehri Hydro Power Plant is located on which river basin?

- A. Mandakini
- B. Bhagirathi
- C. Ramganga
- D. Tons



- ✓ A 2400 MW Hydro Power Complex is under construction in Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand, on the Bhagirathi River. It includes the Tehri Hydro Power Plant, Koteshwar Hydro Electric Project, and Tehri Pumped Storage Plant. The Bhagirathi River originates from the Gangotri Glacier and becomes the Ganga at Devprayag. Key tributaries include Kedar Ganga and Jadh Ganga. Operational dams on Bhagirathi include Maneri, Joshiyara, Koteshwar, and Tehri Dams.

2. Harela Festival is celebrated in which state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Kerala



- ✓ On July 16, Sawan begins, marked by the Harela festival in Uttarakhand. This traditional Hindu festival, also celebrated in parts of Himachal Pradesh, is especially popular in Uttarakhand's Kumaun region. Harela symbolizes peace, prosperity, and the celebration of nature. It holds cultural and environmental importance, representing prayers for abundant harvests and prosperity through divine blessings.

3. Halwa ceremony is associated with releasing of which document?

- A. RBI's Annual Report
- B. Union Budget
- C. Economic Survey
- D. NITI Aayog's Annual Report



- ✓ The Union Finance Minister recently participated in a traditional 'halwa' ceremony, marking the final stage of preparation for the Union Budget 2024-25, set to be unveiled on July 23. This ritual involves serving 'halwa' to finance ministry officials and signifies the initiation of budget document printing. Officials enter a 'lock-in' period for confidentiality, staying in the Finance Ministry's North Block basement. This practice stems from a 1950 budget leak, leading to strict secrecy measures.
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4. What is the name of nation's first toll-free narcotics helpline, recently launched Ministry of Home Affairs?

- A. Vikrant
- B. Nischay
- C. Manas
- D. Kaveri



- ✓ India launched its first national toll-free anti-narcotics helpline, '1933', along with an email service called MANAS (Madak Padarth Nisedh Asuchna Kendra) on July 18. Announced by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the Narco-Coordination Centre meeting, the helpline aims to offer citizens a 24/7 platform to report drug-related crimes and seek assistance.

5. What is the primary aim of "e-mobility R&D Roadmap for India", recently launched by the Principal Scientific Adviser?

- A. To reduce the price of electric vehicles
- B. Achieving global leadership in electric vehicles (EVs)
- C. To promote electric vehicle sales
- D. To establish manufacturing units for electric vehicles



- ✓ India's "e-mobility R&D Roadmap" launched by the Principal Scientific Adviser aims to achieve global leadership in electric vehicles (EVs) within five years. It identifies key areas like Energy Storage Cells, EV Aggregates, Materials and Recycling, and Charging and Refueling for intensive research. India targets a 45% reduction in emission intensity by 2030, energy independence by 2047, and net-zero emissions by 2070, emphasizing EV adoption, indigenous energy storage, and renewable energy for charging infrastructure.

6. Which country recently hosted the 45th Scientific Assembly of the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) for the first time?

- A. Nepal
- B. South Korea
- C. Bhutan
- D. Maldives



- ✓ The 45th Scientific Assembly of the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) took place in Busan, South Korea, marking the country's first hosting of this global conference.
- ✓ Attracting 3,000 participants from 60 nations, the event highlighted South Korea's dedication to space exploration and international collaboration. Distinguished attendees included leaders from major space agencies, underscoring the significance of global interest in advancing space research and ambitious future projects.

7. Recently, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar inaugurated India's first overseas Jan Aushadi Kendra in which country?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Indonesia
- C. Mauritius
- D. Malaysia



- ✓ External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar inaugurated India's first overseas Jan Aushadi Kendra in Mauritius, joined by Prime Minister Pravin Kumar Jugnauth. This project aims to provide affordable, Made-in-India medicines, enhancing healthcare in Mauritius. Jaishankar also inaugurated a Mediclinic in Grand Bois village, funded by Indian assistance, offering secondary healthcare to 16,000 residents.

8. Which Indian player won bronze medal at World Junior Squash Championship 2024?

- A. Shaurya Bawa
- B. Mohamad Zakaria
- C. Kush Kumar
- D. Anahat Singh



- ✓ Shaurya Bawa won a bronze medal at the WSF World Junior Squash Championships 2024 in Houston, USA, on July 17, 2024, after losing in the semifinals to Egypt's Mohamed Zakaria. This marks the second medal for an Indian male player in the tournament's history, following Kush Kumar's 2014 bronze. Indian female player Anahat Singh missed a medal, losing in the quarter-finals to Egypt's Nadien Elhammamy.

9. 'Operation Nanhe Farishtey' is related to which organization?

- A. DRDO
- B. Railway Protection Force
- C. ISRO
- D. Ministry of women and child development



- ✓ The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has rescued 84,119 children at risk in Indian railway stations and trains over the past seven years under Operation Nanhe Farishtey, launched in 2018. The operation focuses on runaway, abandoned, impoverished, disabled, or kidnapped children, protecting them from crime syndicates. Rescued children are handed over to the District Child Welfare Committee. In 2022, RPF rescued the highest number, 17,756 children.

10. What is the primary objective of ASMITA Project, recently launched by Ministry of Education and UGC?

- A. To promote and integrate Indian languages more deeply into the education system
- B. To replace English with Indian languages in all subjects
- C. To promote foreign languages in India
- D. To build new universities



- ✓ **The Ministry of Education and UGC launched the ASMITA Project to develop 22,000 books in Indian languages within five years. ASMITA (Augmenting Study Materials in Indian Languages through Translation and Academic Writing) aims to enhance educational resources and integrate Indian languages into the education system. Thirteen nodal universities will lead this collaborative effort, with UGC creating a standard operating procedure for the book-writing process, ensuring quality and accessibility.**

11. What is late blight disease, which recently affected the potato crop across the country?

- A. Bacterial infection
- B. Fungal disease
- C. Viral infection
- D. Pest infestation



- ✓ **The Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI) issued an advisory warning of a high risk of late blight disease in potatoes due to weather changes. Late blight, caused by *Phytophthora infestans*, is a serious fungal disease affecting tomatoes and potatoes. It spreads via infected transplants, volunteer plants, and certain weeds, with spores traveling long distances in storms. The disease thrives in cool, wet weather, causing repeated infection cycles.**

12. Jerdon's Courser is a nocturnal bird endemic to which region of India?

- A. Western Ghats
- B. Eastern Ghats
- C. North Eastern Region
- D. Ladakh



- ✓ **Jerdon's Courser, a critically endangered nocturnal bird, is endemic to the Eastern Ghats of India, specifically Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Scientific name: *Rhinoptilus bitorquatus*. Rediscovered in 1986 after being thought extinct, it inhabits open patches within scrub-forests. Recognizable by its grey-brown plumage, large eyes, and distinctive calls, it hunts insects by sight.**

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