

1. Recently, which region of India has been chosen as the location for India's first Mars and Moon analogue research station?

- A. Chennai
- B. Pokhran
- C. Kochi
- D. Ladakh



- ✓ **Ladakh Scientists have identified Ladakh as a potential site for a Martian or Lunar analogue research station. Such stations simulate planetary conditions for testing space technologies and studying human behavior in extreme environments. Ladakh's dry, cold, and rocky landscape resembles early Mars and the Moon, with features like permafrost, volcanic rocks, and saline lakes. Its conditions, including high radiation and low atmospheric pressure, make it an ideal location for this research.**

2. Who won the gold medal in men's single tennis title at the 2024 Paris Olympics?

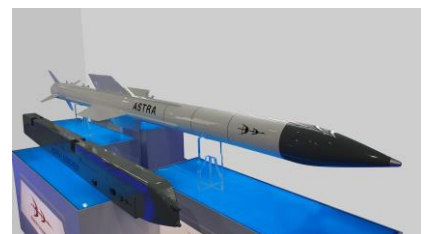
- A. Jannik Sinner
- B. Novak Djokovic
- C. Carlos Alcaraz
- D. Matthew Ebden



- ✓ **Novak Djokovic became the fifth tennis player to achieve a Golden Slam by winning the men's singles gold medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics, defeating Carlos Alcaraz in straight sets. This victory, added to his Grand Slam titles at the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, and the US Open, places him alongside legends like Rafael Nadal, Serena Williams, Andre Agassi, and Steffi Graf. Djokovic had previously won a bronze medal in the 2008 Beijing Olympics but did not medal in the subsequent Olympics.**

3. What kind of missile is 'Astra mark-1 (Mk-1) missile'?

- A. Surface-to-Air missile
- B. Air-to-Air Beyond Visual Range (BVR) missile
- C. Air-to-Surface missile
- D. Surface-to-Surface missile



- ✓ **The Indian Air Force has approved the production of 200 Astra Mk-1 missiles for Su-30 MKI and Tejas aircraft after Deputy Chief Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit's visit to Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL). Developed by DRDO and made by BDL, Astra Mk-1 is an air-to-air missile with a range of 80-110 km and a speed of Mach 4.5.**

4. Which state recently became the first in India to buy all crops from farmers at MSP?

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



- ✓ Haryana's Chief Minister announced the state's procurement of all crops at Minimum Support Price (MSP), making it the first in India to do so. Additionally, he waived Rs 133 crore in irrigation charges and promised Rs 137 crore in pending compensation for crop damage due to natural calamities. MSP, recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), ensures fair prices for farmers and promotes crop diversification.

5. Thadou tribes are primarily resides in which state?

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



- ✓ The Thadou Students' Association has launched a global platform to address key issues facing the Thadou community, particularly in Manipur. The Thadou are indigenous people in northeastern India, mainly in Manipur, and also found in Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, and Myanmar. They practice jhum agriculture, live in forest settlements, and predominantly follow Christianity. The Thadou language is part of the Tibeto-Burman family.

6. 'VIRAASAT' exhibition is organized by which ministry in New Delhi?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture
- B. Ministry of Textiles
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Power



- ✓ The "VIRAASAT" exhibition, celebrating the 10th National Handloom Day, is being held from August 3 to August 16, 2024, at Handloom Haat, Janpath, New Delhi. Organized by the National Handloom Development Corporation Ltd (NHDC) under the Ministry of Textiles, this event promotes India's rich handloom traditions and supports weavers. National Handloom Day, established on August 7, 2015, commemorates the Swadeshi Movement of 1905 and the handloom sector's socio-economic contributions.

7. Arun Hydroelectric Project is associated with which country?

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



- ✓ The Indian government, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved a Rs 5,792 crore investment in Nepal's 669 MW Lower Arun Hydroelectric Project. Located in Sankhuwasabha district, this project, awarded to SJVN Ltd., will generate 2,900 million units of energy annually. This initiative highlights India's commitment to enhancing renewable energy collaboration with neighboring countries.

8. Which country hosted the 'Exercise Pitch Black 2024'?

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



- ✓ Exercise Pitch Black 2024, a biennial multinational exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force, concluded in Darwin, Australia. This year's edition was the largest in its 43-year history, with 20 countries, over 140 aircraft, and 4,400 military personnel participating. The exercise, focused on night-time flying, saw the Indian Air Force participate, continuing its involvement from the 2018 and 2022 editions.

9. Recently, which ministry has launched e-Sakshya, Nyaya Setu, Nyaya Shruti and e-Summon App for three new criminal laws in Chandigarh?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Law and Justice
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Urban Development



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- ✓ On August 4, 2024, Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched four apps—e-Sakshya, Nyaya Setu, Nyaya Shruti, and e-Summon—in Chandigarh to support the new criminal laws in India. These apps will manage evidence, send electronic summons, link various authorities, and allow video testimony. The new laws, effective from July 1, 2024, include Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, aiming to enhance the criminal justice system.

10. Recently, where was the 5th meeting of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) Joint Committee held?

- A. Jakarta
- B. New Delhi
- C. Moscow
- D. Beijing



- ✓ The fifth ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) Joint Committee meeting in Jakarta from July 29 to August 1, 2024, aimed to enhance economic cooperation between ASEAN and India by reviewing the 2009 AITIGA. ASEAN is a key trade partner for India, with significant trade volumes and a notable trade deficit. The meeting focused on improving the trade agreement and fostering deeper economic collaboration.

11. Which country hosts BIMSTEC Business Summit 2024?

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



- ✓ India's Ministry of External Affairs and the Confederation of Indian Industries hosts the 1st BIMSTEC Business Summit in New Delhi from August 6-8, 2024. The summit, inaugurated by Dr. S. Jaishankar and attended by key leaders, aims to boost regional trade and investment among BIMSTEC countries. Over 300 stakeholders will discuss trade, connectivity, energy security, inclusive growth, and sustainable development.

12. Which day is celebrated as 'National Handloom Day' every year?

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



- ✓ National Handloom Day, celebrated on August 7th, honors India's handloom heritage and supports artisans. Launched in 2015 to mark the Swadeshi Movement's centenary, it promotes indigenous crafts and empowers weavers. The 2024 theme focuses on integrating technology and innovation to expand market access and enhance skill development for artisans.

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