

1. 'HarGhar Tiranga campaign' is an initiative of which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Culture
- D. Ministry of Urban Development



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed pride over the #HarGharTiranga campaign. The campaign, initiated by the Ministry of Culture and MyGov, aims to spread awareness about India's National Flag, the Tiranga. It seeks to transform people's relationship with the flag from a formal connection to a more personal and heartfelt bond.

2. Recently, India and Israel have launched a joint project to establish a Center of Water Technology (CoWT) at which institute?

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



- ✓ India and Israel have launched a joint project to establish a Centre of Water Technology at IIT Madras to enhance sustainable water management in India. The partnership is seen as a significant milestone, reflecting the growing collaboration between the two countries in addressing water scarcity issues. A Joint Statement of Intent was signed by the Embassy of Israel, IIT Madras, and the AMRUT mission, outlining the framework for the centre. The Centre will focus on innovation and research in urban water supply and technology.

3. Recently, where was the 6<sup>th</sup> India-Australia Maritime Security Dialogue held?

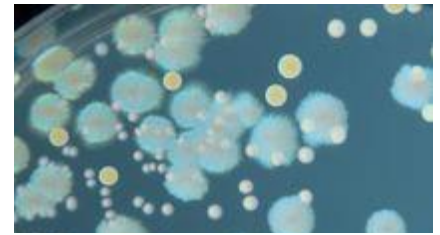
- A. New Delhi
- B. Canberra
- C. Chennai
- D. Hyderabad



- ✓ India and Australia held two key bilateral meetings to enhance their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Australia hosted the 6th India-Australia Maritime Security Dialogue in Canberra, to discuss maritime security cooperation. The Indian delegation was led by Ms Muanpui Saiawi, while Ms Sarah Storey and Mr Bernard Philip led the Australian delegation.
- ✓ They discussed Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), sustainable marine resource use, Search and Rescue operations, pollution response, blue economy, and Port State control. India hosted the 14th India-Australia Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism in New Delhi. The 7th Maritime Security Dialogue will be held in New Delhi.

4. Which country's scientists recently discovered plastic-eating fungi as a potential solution to ocean pollution?

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



- ✓ Scientists in Germany have discovered plastic-eating fungi from the *Aspergillus* and *Pestalotiopsis* genera that may help address plastic waste. These fungi can break down plastics, potentially offering a solution to plastic pollution. This discovery could significantly help in reducing plastic pollution in the world's oceans.

5. Recently, who has been appointed as the new head coach of Junior Men's Hockey Team?

- A. Ashok Kumar
- B. P R Sreejesh
- C. Harmanpreet Singh
- D. Balbir Singh



- ✓ PR Sreejesh, who recently led India to a bronze medal at the 2024 Olympics, has been appointed as the new head coach of the Indian junior men's hockey team.

6. Amrit Bharat Station Scheme comes under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Railways
- B. Ministry of Urban Affairs
- C. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



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RAILWAYS

- ✓ Western Railway has added Kandivali and Dahisar stations to the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Launched in February 2023 by the Ministry of Railways, this scheme aims to redevelop railway stations across India. It focuses on long-term development with master plans and phased improvements. The scheme addresses each station's unique needs, aiming to modernize them with better amenities, traffic flow, and signage.

7. Prerana Programme is launched by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Culture
- C. Ministry of Urban Development
- D. Ministry of Defence



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MINISTRY OF  
EDUCATION

- ✓ The Union Education Minister recently interacted with students, teachers, and parents of PM SHRI Schools and Prerana Programme alumni. Prerana Programme, launched in January 2024, integrates Indian education principles and value-based learning from NEP 2020. It's a week-long residential program for selected class IX to XII students, combining heritage and innovation.

8. What is the objective of 'National Pest Surveillance System (NPSS)', recently launched by Union Government?

- A. To reduce farmers' dependence on pesticide retailers
- B. To monitor soil quality
- C. To monitor weather patterns
- D. To improve irrigation techniques



- ✓ The Indian Government launched the AI-based National Pest Surveillance System (NPSS) on August 15 to assist farmers with pest control. NPSS helps farmers connect with agricultural experts using their phones, reducing reliance on pesticide retailers.
- ✓ Farmers can send images of infested crops to experts for accurate diagnosis and treatment. The system uses AI tools to analyze pest data, providing timely information to around 14 crore farmers. This initiative aims to increase productivity, conserve soil health, and will be implemented at the state level through outreach programs without additional funding.

9. Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary and Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary are located in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Three more Indian wetlands have been added to the Ramsar list, including Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary, Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary, and Tawa Reservoir. Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary is in Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu, named after King Nanjarayan who restored the lake.
- ✓ Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary, declared in 2021, is a brackish shallow lake on the Coromandel Coast in Villupuram district, Tamil Nadu, and is rich in biodiversity. Tawa Reservoir, the largest protected area in Madhya Pradesh, is located inside the Satpura Tiger Reserve at the confluence of the Tawa and Denwa rivers.

10. Recently, which state government has launched 'HIM-UNNATI scheme' to boost natural farming?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Gujarat
- D. Rajasthan



- ✓ Himachal Pradesh has launched the HIM-UNNATI scheme to promote natural farming, with a ₹150 crore allocation. The scheme supports 1.92 lakh farmers practicing chemical-free farming on over 32,149 hectares. It aims to make agriculture economically viable by promoting a cluster-based development model and natural farming practices. The initiative will consolidate smallholding farmers for bulk production and integrate with existing agricultural schemes and departments like animal husbandry and horticulture to maximize impact.
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11. Recently, who has been appointed as Director of the Enforcement Directorate?

- A. Satyajit Prakash  
B. Vinay Patnaik  
C. Rahul Navin   
D. Vikram Singh



- ✓ IRS officer Rahul Navin has been appointed as the new Enforcement Director by the Cabinet Appointments Committee. He will serve as the Special Director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for two years from the date he assumes charge. Navin joined the ED as Special Director in November 2019.
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12. Dr Ramnarayan Agarwal, who recently passed away, was associated with which field?

- A. Sports  
B. Politics  
C. Journalism  
D. Science



- ✓ Ramnarayan Agarwal, known as "Agniman" and the "Father of Missiles," passed away in Hyderabad. He played a key role in India's long-range ballistic missile program and was the first Project Director of the Agni Missile Program. Agarwal, a Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awardee, made significant contributions to India's defense capabilities. He retired as Director of the Advanced Systems Laboratory (ASL) in 2005. He worked closely with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and Dr. Arunachalam on missile programs.
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