

1. Recently, where was the India's first digital court for handling cheque bounce cases, called 24\*7 ONCOURTS inaugurated?

- A. Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- B. Kollam, Kerala
- C. Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- D. Surat, Gujarat



- ✓ Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai inaugurated India's first digital court, 24\*7 ONCOURTS, in Kollam, Kerala, to handle cheque bounce cases. This digital court operates entirely online, from case filing to judgments, aiming to increase efficiency and reduce case backlog. The court will start accepting cheque bounce cases in September 2024.

2. Rakesh Pal, who recently passed away, was associated with which armed force?

- A. Indian Navy
- B. Indian Coast Guard
- C. Indian Air Force
- D. National Security Guard



- ✓ Director-General of Indian Coast Guard Rakesh Pal passed away in Chennai at age 59 due to a cardiac arrest. He was in Chennai for an event with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. He had over 30 years of service, joining the Coast Guard in January 1989 and becoming the 25th Director-General in July 2023. He led major operations and was awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, President Tatrakshak Medal, and Tatrakshak Medal.

3. Guam Island is located in which ocean?

- A. Pacific Ocean
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Atlantic Ocean
- D. Arctic Ocean



- ✓ INS Shivalik recently arrived in Guam for an operational turnaround after participating in RIMPAC 2024, the world's largest multinational maritime exercise. Guam is the largest and southernmost of the Mariana Islands in the Northern Pacific Ocean and is a US territory. It was a Spanish colony until 1898, becoming a US territory after the Spanish-American War. Guam has a tropical climate with trade winds and equatorial currents. The capital of Guam is Hagatna.

4. Recently, the winners of the 70<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards were announced by which ministry?

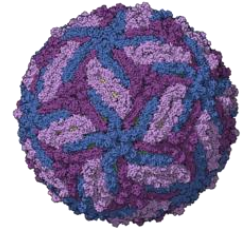
- A. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B. Ministry of Culture
- C. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The winners of the 70th National Film Awards were recently announced by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The National Film Awards was established in 1954 to encourage films of aesthetic, technical excellence, and social relevance, promoting cultural appreciation across India. Initially called 'State Awards,' they included President's Gold Medals and certificates of merit. Awards are given in three sections: Feature Films, Non-Feature Films, and Best Writing in Cinema. Since 1973, the Directorate of Film Festivals has administered these awards.

5. What is 'Importin-7 (IPO7)'?

- A. Protein
- B. Synthetic drug
- C. Invasive weed
- D. None of the above



- ✓ A study identified a protein called importin-7 (IPO7) that transports flavivirus core protein into the nucleus. Flaviviruses belong to the Flaviviridae family, with spherical virions measuring 40-60 nanometers. These viruses have a single-stranded positive-sense RNA genome. Flaviviruses can cause serious diseases, including neuro-infections, which may lead to severe health issues or death.

6. Recently, which airport became the first Indian airport to achieve Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport status?

- A. Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad
- C. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
- D. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad



- ✓ Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi achieved Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport status, the first in India. This Level 5 certification recognizes the airport's success in maintaining a net zero carbon balance. The airport reduced 90% of Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions and offset the rest. Originally aiming for net zero by 2030, it met the goal earlier through renewable energy, electric vehicles, zero waste programs, and green infrastructure. The airport now aims to achieve net zero in Scope 3 emissions by 2050.

7. Which two Indian athletes were selected as the flag bearers for India in the opening ceremony of 2024 Paris Paralympics Games?

- A. Krishna Nagar and Ajeet Singh
- B. Manish Narwal and Avani Lekhara
- C. Sumit Antil and Bhagyashree Jadhav
- D. Yogesh Kathuniya and Nishad Kumar



- ✓ **Sumit Antil and Bhagyashree Jadhav were selected as flag bearers for India at the 2024 Paris Paralympics opening ceremony on 28 August 2024. The 17th Summer Paralympics will take place in Paris from 28 August to 8 September 2024. Sumit Antil, a 25-year-old World Champion, won gold in javelin at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics and holds the world record in the F64 category. Bhagyashree Jadhav, 39, won silver in shotput (F34 category) at the Asian Para Games and World Para Athletics Championships in May 2024.**

8. Which day is observed as 'World Mosquito Day' every year?

- A. 20 August
- B. 21 August
- C. 22 August
- D. 23 August



- ✓ **World Mosquito Day is observed on August 20 to highlight the importance of protecting against mosquito-borne diseases. Mosquitoes spread diseases like malaria, dengue, Zika, and West Nile virus, affecting millions and causing deaths worldwide. The 2024 theme is "Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world." This theme stresses the need to improve access to malaria treatment, diagnosis, and prevention.**

9. National Geoscience Award is instituted by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- B. Ministry of Science and Technology
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. Ministry of Mines



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- ✓ **The President of India will present the National Geoscience Awards 2023 at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. These awards are among the oldest and most prestigious in geosciences, established in 1966 by the Ministry of Mines. Initially called the National Mineral Awards, the name changed in 2009. The awards honor individuals and teams for exceptional contributions in geosciences, including mineral discovery, mining technology, and fundamental/applied geosciences. Any Indian citizen with significant contributions in geosciences is eligible for the award.**

### 10. What is 'Miyawaki method'?

- A. Development of garden using genetically modified seeds
- B. Urban afforestation method
- C. Promotion of commercial farming in arid areas
- D. None of the above



- ✓ **The Chhattisgarh Forest Department held a Van Mahotsav in the Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur district, planting saplings using the Miyawaki method. The Miyawaki method, is a urban afforestation method, developed by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki. It involves planting 2-4 types of native trees per square meter.**
- ✓ **Dense planting leads to rapid growth as seedlings compete for sunlight. Only native species, suited to the local climate and naturally occurring without human interference, are planted. Trees become self-sustainable and reach full growth in about three years. Miyawaki forests grow 10 times faster, are 30 times denser, and have 100 times more biodiversity.**

### 11. Shaurya Sampravah 1.0 is associated with which armed force?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Air Force
- D. Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ **The Indian Army held a landmark event, Shaurya Sampravah 1.0, at the Manekshaw Centre in Delhi, led by General Upendra Dwivedi. The event aimed to harness the experience and insights of veteran officers to shape the Army's future and contribute to national growth. General Dwivedi expressed gratitude to veterans and emphasized the event as a platform for idea exchange between current leadership and veterans. The event featured a detailed briefing on the "Decade of Transformation" roadmap, focusing on modernization and enhancing operational capabilities.**

### 12. Sundararajan Padmanabhan, who recently passed away, was former chief of which armed force?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Air Force
- D. Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ **General Sundararajan Padmanabhan, former Chief of Army Staff, passed away in Chennai at age 83. He served as the Chief of Army Staff from 2000 to 2002. Born in Kerala, he was an alumnus of RIMC, NDA, and IMA, and was commissioned into the Regiment of Artillery in 1959. He was awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) and Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM). He retired in 2002 after 43 years of service, known affectionately as "Paddy."**

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