

1. Similipal Tiger Reserve is located in which state?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Gujarat
- C. Odisha
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ **Similipal Tiger Reserve in Odisha will grow bamboo grass in the National Park. It is located in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha. It covers 2,750 sq km and features waterfalls like Joranda and Barehipani. It was designated as a tiger reserve in 1973 and a wildlife sanctuary in 1979. In 1980, 303 sq km was proposed as a National Park, and in 2009, UNESCO added it to its Biosphere Reserves list.**

2. What is the 'Lunar Magma Ocean (LMO)'?

- A. A layer of ice on the moon
- B. A hypothesized early stage when the moon's surface was molten
- C. A stormy atmosphere around the moon
- D. None of the above



- ✓ **India's Chandrayaan-3 mission has revived interest in the Lunar Magma Ocean (LMO) theory, which explains the moon's early formation. Chandrayaan-3's Pragyan rover discovered ferroan anorthosite rocks in the lunar south pole. This discovery supports the LMO theory, as these rocks are believed to be remnants of the ancient magma ocean. The finding aligns with earlier observations from Apollo and Luna missions, confirming the existence of the LMO and providing insights into the moon's early formation.**

3. Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is administered by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Urban Development
- B. Ministry of Labour & Employment
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises



- ✓ **KVIC and the Department of Posts are collaborating to enhance the implementation of PMEGP across India. PMEGP is a central scheme under the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises. It aims to create employment in rural and urban areas by supporting new self-employment ventures. The scheme helps traditional artisans and unemployed youth to find work locally, reducing rural-to-urban migration. It also aims to increase the wage-earning capacity of workers and boost employment growth in rural and urban areas.**

4. Recently, which state has launched a unique project to educate students about the cultivation of rice?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Kerala
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ **A Kannada Medium school in Sullia, Karnataka, is using a paddy field on its campus as part of its educational approach. This project gives students hands-on experience in food cultivation. The school, with over 500 students and operating since 1973, has dedicated a 3,500 square-meter field for this initiative. The goal is to provide students with practical learning in agriculture.**

5. Recently, which airport has been awarded the best airport title at the India Travel Awards?

- A. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport
- B. Jaipur International Airport
- C. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- D. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport



- ✓ **Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in Hyderabad has been named the Best Airport at the India Travel Awards for the third consecutive year. This award highlights RGIA's commitment to providing an exceptional passenger experience and boosts its reputation in the aviation industry. RGIA also won the Skytrax award for 'Best Airport Staff in India & South Asia 2024,' reinforcing its status as a top airport.**

6. Recently, who has been appointed as the new Union Home Secretary?

- A. Govind Mohan
- B. Susheel Kumar Trivedi
- C. Jitendra Kumar
- D. Aditya Kumar Anand



- ✓ **Senior IAS officer Govind Mohan became the Union Home Secretary on August 22, 2024, succeeding Ajay Kumar Bhalla. Before this, Govind Mohan was the Secretary of the Union Ministry of Culture. The Home Secretary role is the second most powerful secretarial post in India, after the Cabinet Secretary, currently Rajiv Gauba. Govind Mohan, a 1989 batch IAS officer of the Sikkim cadre, has an electrical engineering degree from BHU and a PG Diploma from IIM Ahmedabad.**

7. Who was awarded the Men's International Cricketer of the Year at the CEAT Cricket Awards 2024?

- A. Jasprit Bumrah
- B. Hardik Pandya
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Surya Yadav



- ✓ Rohit Sharma, Indian men's cricket team captain, won the 26th CEAT International Cricketer of the Year Award for his outstanding performance in the 2023-24 season. Under Rohit's captaincy, India reached the final of the 13<sup>th</sup> ICC Men's ODI World Cup, where he scored around 1800 runs, including 597 in the World Cup.
- ✓ Virat Kohli received the Best ODI Batter of the Year award, scoring 1377 runs in the 2023-24 season and surpassing Sachin Tendulkar's record with 50 ODI centuries. Rahul Dravid was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions as a player and coach.

8. Dasara festival is celebrated in which state?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Mysuru Dasara is a grand 10-day festival in Mysuru, Karnataka, celebrated during Navratri and culminating on Vijayadashami. It features vibrant processions, illuminated palaces, and cultural activities, attracting thousands of visitors. The festival began in 1610 with Raja Wadiyar I, symbolizing the victory of Goddess Chamundeshwari over a demon. The Wadiyars of Mysore have enriched the festival's traditions over centuries, with the Mysore Palace as a central attraction.

9. According to the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, which state has the highest number of public electric vehicle charging stations in the country?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra



- ✓ According to the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Karnataka leads India with 5,765 public EV charging stations, with 85% (4,462) located in Bengaluru Urban district. This puts Karnataka ahead of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi in EV charging infrastructure.

- ✓ Energy Minister KJ George highlighted Karnataka's commitment to electric mobility, supported by initiatives like the FAME scheme, BESCOM investments, and public-private partnerships. Karnataka introduced India's first EV policy in 2017 and plans to develop model EV cities statewide. The 2024 State Budget announced 2,500 new EV charging stations via PPP and ₹35 crore investment for 100 more in collaboration with electricity companies.

10. Recently, which ministry issued an order to establish the National Task Force (NTF) to formulate protocols governing the safety of doctors?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Law and Justice
- D. Ministry of Defence



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परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय  
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- ✓ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare issued an order on August 21, 2024, forming a 14-member National Task Force for the safety of medical professionals. The task force was established by the Supreme Court on August 20, 2024, after a postgraduate doctor was allegedly raped and murdered at RG Kar Medical College in Kolkata, leading to nationwide protests.
- ✓ Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba is appointed as the Chairperson. The task force includes 9 eminent doctors, the Home Secretary, Health Secretary, and leaders from the National Medical Commission and National Board of Examinations. The Health Ministry will cover all expenses for the task force.

11. Which day is observed as 'National Space Day' in India?

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



- ✓ India celebrates its first National Space Day on 23 August 2024, highlighting the nation's achievements in space exploration. The Indian space program began with a sounding rocket launch from Thumba, Kerala, in 1963, and has since advanced to landing rovers on the moon and exploring planets like Mars and the Sun.
- ✓ National Space Day was announced to honor the successful landing of the Vikram lander from the Chandrayaan-3 mission on the moon's south pole on 23 August 2023. The landing site was later named "Shiv Shakti Point" by the Indian government.

12. Mettukurinji (*Strobilanthes sessilis*) is endemic to which region of India?

- A. Ladakh
- B. Eastern Ghats
- C. Western Ghats
- D. Thar Desert



- ✓ **Mettukurinji, or Topli karvy, is a plant endemic to the Western Ghats and belongs to the Acanthaceae family. It flowers every seven years, similar to Neelakurinji, which blooms every 12 years. India has the highest diversity of Strobilanthes, with over 160 species, 72 of which are endemic to the Sahyadris. Mettukurinji's flowers, in shades of purple, lavender, and blue, are a tourist attraction. The plant faces threats from monocarpy, landslides, floods, and visitor disturbance, leading to its decline. Neelakurinji is listed as a 'threatened' species by the IUCN.**

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