

1. Recently, who became the first female national racing champion from India?

- A. Bianca Kashyap
- B. Diana Pundole
- C. Aishwarya Pissay
- D. Pippa Mann



- ✓ **Diana Pundole, a teacher and mother from Pune won the national championship in the saloon category at the MRF Indian National Car Racing Championship 2024 in Chennai.**

2. Recently, which space organization has launched 'Tanager-1 Satellite' to track methane emissions?

- A. ISRO
- B. ESA
- C. CNSA
- D. NASA



- ✓ **NASA launched the Tanager-1 satellite to track methane emissions. The satellite was launched using a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Space Force Base, California. It was developed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and other partners.**
- ✓ **The mission aims to detect major carbon dioxide and methane emissions. It focuses on monitoring greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming. Tanager-1 uses advanced spectrometer technology to track emissions. The satellite can monitor 130,000 square kilometres of emissions daily. Emission data will be publicly available to aid global reduction efforts.**

3. Recently, a South Indian Adivasi Knowledge Centre called 'KAANU' was launched in which state?

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



- ✓ **The Tribal Health Resource Centre in BR Hills, Karnataka, launched Kaanu, a South Indian Adivasi Knowledge Centre, on August 25. "Kaanu" means "evergreen forest" in Kannada and Soliga.**
- ✓ **Kaanu aims to be the first knowledge center dedicated to the past, present, and culture of South Indian Adivasi communities. It will have three branches: a library, an annotated bibliography, and a co-written book. The Kaanu Library will be inaugurated, and the bibliography will be available online in September.**

4. Which ministry recently released the e-magazine 'Sapno Ki Udaan'?

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



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- ✓ The Union Ministry of Education released the first edition of the e-magazine Sapno ki Udaan. The release coincided with National Space Day, celebrating the Chandrayaan-3 mission's Vikram lander soft landing on the Moon's south pole on August 23, 2023.
- ✓ The e-magazine, available online on the NCERT portal, was launched virtually by the Union Minister for Education, with participation from other education officials. The inaugural edition focuses on Space and Chandrayaan missions, featuring articles, poems, and more. Sapno ki Udaan is produced by NCERT and the Department of School Education & Literacy.

5. Shikhar Dhawan, who recently announced his retirement, is associated with which sports?

- A. Hockey
- B. Football
- C. Cricket
- D. Tennis



- ✓ Shikhar Dhawan announced his retirement from international and domestic cricket on August 24, 2024. His last match was for Punjab Kings in the IPL in April 2024. Dhawan played 269 international matches, scoring 24 hundreds—17 in ODIs and 7 in Tests. His final game for India was an ODI against Bangladesh in December 2022.
- ✓ Known as 'Gabbar,' Dhawan made his ODI debut in 2010 and set a record for the fastest Test century by a debutant in 2013. He scored over 5000 runs in ODIs with a 40-plus average and 90-plus strike rate. Dhawan played for Delhi Capitals, Mumbai Indians, Deccan Chargers, Sunrisers Hyderabad, and Punjab Kings in the IPL, scoring 6769 runs.

6. Which ministry has recently launched 'Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana'?

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



- ✓ The Department of Post under the Union Ministry of Communication launched the Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana to promote stamp collecting among students. The scheme aims to encourage philately as a hobby from a young age.

- ✓ **Postmaster General Krishna Kumar Yadav announced it at a stamp exhibition in Ahmedabad. Philately involves collecting and studying postage stamps and related items. The scheme is open to students in classes VI to IX from recognised schools. It aims to develop interest and research in stamps among children across India.**

### 7. What is the primary objective of the 'PM-WANI scheme'?

- A. To promote entrepreneurship among SC/ST and women entrepreneurs
- B. To provide affordable, high-speed internet connectivity in rural and remote areas
- C. To support the growth and development of micro-enterprises by providing financial assistance
- D. To provide free LPG connections to all rural households

- ✓ **TRAI has suggested lowering broadband rates for Public Data Offices (PDOs) under the PM-WANI scheme to make internet access cheaper. Launched in 2020, PM-WANI aims to expand broadband access via public Wi-Fi hotspots, especially in rural and remote areas. PDOs face high annual costs up to ₹8 lakh for internet connections, unlike personal broadband rates of ₹300-400 per month. TRAI proposes aligning PDO rates with retail broadband rates to make the scheme more viable for small businesses. TRAI will review these rates in two years based on the scheme's performance.**

### 8. Recently, the Prime Minister of India presented four BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita & Maitri) Cubes to which country?

- A. Ukraine
- B. Poland
- C. Malaysia
- D. Israel



- ✓ **During his visit to Kyiv, India's Prime Minister gifted four BHISHM cubes to Ukraine's President. BHISHM cubes are compact, mobile medical units for emergency care. Each cube is a 15-inch box packed with organized medical supplies for different injury types. They can be transported by air, sea, land, or drone and weigh up to 20 kg for easy handling.**

### 9. Jaldapara National Park is located in which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Assam
- C. West Bengal
- D. Bihar



- ✓ **Jaldapara National Park is in the news after five rhino cubs died recently. A similar incident occurred in February 2020, with six rhinos dying before the coronavirus outbreak. Foresters confirmed the deaths were not due to anthrax.**

- ✓ The rhino carcasses were examined in Kolkata, revealing no anthrax. The suspected cause is tapeworm infestation or another toxin. Tapeworms are dangerous to wildlife and can cause severe illness. Jaldapara National Park is situated at the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas in northern West Bengal.

10. Which country secured silver medal at the Maruhaba Cup, a team event, at the Asian Surfing Championships 2024?

- A. Japan
- B. India
- C. China
- D. France



- ✓ India won a silver medal at the Maruhaba Cup in the Asian Surfing Championships 2024 in the Maldives. The Indian team included Kamali P, Ajeesh Ali, Srikanth D, and Sanjay Selvamani. Japan won gold with 58.40 points; India secured silver with 24.13 points. Taipei won bronze with 23.93 points, and China came fourth with 22.10 points. India won the Heat 2 semi-final, scoring 32.16 points. Indian surfer Harish Muthu reached the quarter-finals, making history for India.

11. What is the primary objective of the 'BioE3 Policy', recently approved by Union Cabinet?

- A. Promotion of traditional farming practices
- B. Promoting high-efficiency bio technology production
- C. Increasing coal production
- D. Promotion of organic agriculture



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved the BioE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) Policy to boost biotechnology for the economy, environment, and employment. It is managed by the Department of Biotechnology; it focuses on high-performance biomanufacturing. It aims to produce a wide range of bio-based products, from medicines to materials. It addresses challenges in farming and food through advanced biotechnological processes.
- ✓ It encourages innovation by supporting research, development, and entrepreneurship. Plans to establish biomanufacturing and bio-AI hubs and biofoundries for faster tech development and commercialization. It promotes sustainable growth through regenerative bioeconomy models. It aims to expand India's skilled workforce and create more job opportunities.

12. Which department is responsible for managing the 'Vigyan Dhara scheme'?

- A. Department of Biotechnology
- B. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion
- C. Department of Space
- D. Department of Science and Technology



- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved the 'Vigyan Dhara' scheme, unifying three Department of Science and Technology schemes. Vigyan Dhara is a central sector scheme aimed at boosting science and technology in India. It combines three key areas: S&T Institutional and Human Capacity Building, Research and Development, and Innovation and Technology Development.
- ✓ Managed by the Department of Science and Technology, it streamlines S&T initiatives to enhance India's capabilities. The scheme has a budget of Rs.10,579.84 crore for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26. It aims to improve fund utilization and align sub-schemes. The goal is to strengthen India's S&T and innovation ecosystem.

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