

1. SHe-Box Portal is launched by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C. Ministry of Science and Technology
- D. Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ **The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the new SHe-Box portal. SHe-Box is a centralized platform for registering and monitoring workplace sexual harassment complaints. It acts as a repository for information on Internal Committees (ICs) and Local Committees (LCs) in both government and private sectors.**
- ✓ **The portal allows users to file complaints, track their status, and ensures timely processing by ICs. It provides a secure way to register complaints without public exposure of personal information. Complaints are monitored in real-time by a designated nodal officer. The upgraded version, based on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013, helps form internal or local committees to address complaints.**

2. What is 'Dhaincha'?

- A. Green manuring crop
- B. Invasive weed
- C. Flowering plant
- D. Fungus



- ✓ **Distribution of green manure, Dhaincha, has started in Tamil Nadu. Dhaincha is a tall annual herb, often grown in wet areas and heavy soils in India. It is used to feed livestock and improve soil quality. Green manuring involves growing leguminous plants and incorporating them into the soil. This practice enhances soil structure, increases water retention, reduces erosion, controls weeds, and helps reclaim alkaline soils. It also adds organic matter to the soil and boosts microbial activity.**

3. Which institution recently released "Pathways and Strategies for Accelerating Growth in Edible Oils towards Goal of Atma Nirbharta" report?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Reserve Bank of India
- C. SEBI
- D. NABARD



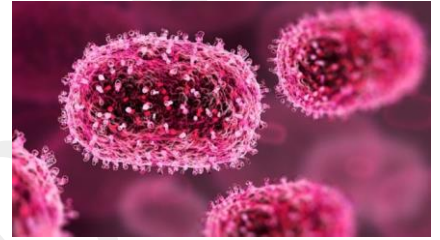
NITI Aayog

- ✓ **NITI Aayog recently released a "Pathways and Strategies for Accelerating Growth in Edible Oils towards Goal of Atma Nirbharta" report. The report reviews the current state of the sector, its potential, and strategies to address challenges.**

- ✓ **Nine major oilseed crops cover 14.3% of the cropped area, contributing 12-13% to dietary energy and 8% to agricultural exports. Soybean leads in production, followed by rapeseed-mustard and groundnut. Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh are the top producers, with Gujarat and Maharashtra also significant contributors. Rising consumption has led to increased imports, with palm oil making up 59% of imports. Oilseed production and yield have been growing, with projections to reach 43 MT by 2030 and 55 MT by 2047.**

4. Which virus did the World Health Organisation (WHO) recently identify as having the largest outbreak in 20 years in India?

- A. Zika Virus
- B. West Nile Virus
- C. Mpox Virus
- D. Chandipura Virus



- ✓ **The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared the current Chandipura virus outbreak in India as the largest in 20 years. Chandipura virus, or Chandipura vesiculovirus (CHPV), is an RNA virus from the Rhabdoviridae family, which also includes rabies. It was first discovered in 1965 in Chandipura, Maharashtra.**
- ✓ **The virus spreads through the bites of infected sandflies, like Phlebotomine sandflies and Phlebotomus papatasi, as well as some mosquitoes, such as Aedes aegypti. It affects mainly children aged 9 months to 14 years, causing symptoms like fever, vomiting, loose motions, and headaches. The infection can lead to encephalitis, which is inflammation of the brain. There is currently no specific antiviral treatment or vaccine for Chandipura virus.**

5. Avani Lekhara recently won which medal in the women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 event at Paris Paralympics 2024?

- A. Gold
- B. Silver
- C. Bronze
- D. None of the above



- ✓ **Avani Lekhara won a gold medal in the women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 event at Paris Paralympics 2024 on August 30. She successfully defended her title, having previously won gold in the same event at the Tokyo Paralympics three years ago. At 22 years old, Avani aims to become the first female para-athlete from India to win three Paralympic medals.**

6. Recently, where was the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024 held?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024 held at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai. The event is organized jointly by the Payments Council of India, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), and the Fintech Convergence Council (FCC). The GFF is considered one of the world's largest gatherings of fintech startups, investors, experts, bankers, and regulators from around the globe.

7. Recently, which armed force has launched 'Project Naman' to support veterans and their families?

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



- ✓ The Indian Army launched Project NAMAN to support Defence Pensioners, Veterans, and their families. The project is based on the SPARSH digital pension system, simplifying pension processes for Defence personnel. Reception and facilitation centers were set up through an MoU between the Indian Army, CSC e-Governance India Limited, and HDFC Bank.
- ✓ These centers offer SPARSH-enabled pension services and other citizen services at one location. In the first phase, 14 centers were established in key cities like New Delhi, Jalandhar, and Bangalore. Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) manage these centers with HDFC Bank's financial support.

8. Which state's tourism recently won the PATA Gold Award 2024 for innovative 'Holiday Heist' campaign?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat
- C. Kerala
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Kerala Tourism won the PATA Gold Award 2024 for its 'Holiday Heist' online contest in the Digital Marketing Campaign category. The campaign, launched in July 2023, on the WhatsApp ChatBot 'Maya' to attract tourists. Kerala Tourism received the award in Bangkok on August 28, 2024.

9. Mona Agarwal recently won a bronze medal in which event at the 2024 Paris Paralympics?

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Boxing
- C. Shooting
- D. Wrestling



- ✓ Mona Agarwal became a well-known figure in para shooting, winning a Bronze medal in the R2 Women 10m Air Rifle SH1 event at the 2024 Paralympics. In 2016, she turned to para-athletics, winning gold in State debut throw events and earning medals in para powerlifting.

10. Which day is observed as 'International Whale Shark Day' every year?

- A. 30 August
- B. 31 August
- C. 1 September
- D. 2 September



- ✓ **International Whale Shark Day is celebrated annually on August 30. The whale shark is the largest fish in the world and a filter-feeding shark species. They are found in temperate and tropical oceans globally, except the Mediterranean Sea. Whale sharks have a dark gray top with light spots and stripes. They are filter feeders, processing over 6,000 liters of water per hour through their gills. Their diet includes plankton, small fish, and mollusks like sardines, anchovies, and squid.**

11. Nazca Ridge is a submarine ridge located in which ocean?

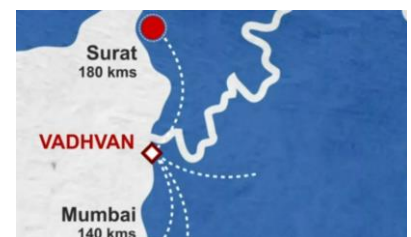
- A. Indian Ocean
- B. Pacific Ocean
- C. Arctic Ocean
- D. Atlantic Ocean



- ✓ **Oceanographers found a new seamount on the Nazca Ridge, 900 miles off Chile's coast. Nazca Ridge is a submarine ridge in the southeastern Pacific Ocean near South America. It is around 1,100 kilometers long and varies in width. The ridge starts at the Nazca Plate off Peru and extends southwest towards Easter Island, Chile. It was created by volcanic activity from a hotspot in the Earth's mantle. The ridge consists of unusually thick basaltic ocean crust.**

12. Vadhvan Port is located in which state?

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



- ✓ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for the Vadhvan Port project in Palghar, Maharashtra, worth around ₹76,000 crore. Vadhvan Port is set to become one of the top 10 ports globally, with a handling capacity of 23.2 million TEUs.**
- ✓ **The port, near Dahanu town, Maharashtra, will be one of India's largest deep-water ports, offering direct connectivity to international shipping routes. Equipped with modern technology and infrastructure, it will feature deep berths and efficient cargo handling. The project will create significant employment, boost local businesses, and support regional economic growth.**

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