- 1. Where was the first phase of Army Commanders' Conference 2024 organized?
- A. Dehradun
- B. Gangtok ☑
- C. Kohima
- D. Shillong



- ✓ The first phase of the Second Army Commanders' Conference for 2024 was held in a hybrid mode in Gangtok, Sikkim. This two-day conference served as a forum for senior commanders to review operational preparedness, discuss strategies, and outline future directives. The second phase of the conference will take place in Delhi on October 28-29.
 - 2. Who has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature 2024?
 - A. Gabriel Garcia
 - B. Alexander Pushkin
 - C. Han Kang
 - D. Haruki Murakami



- ✓ South Korean author Han Kang won the 2024 Nobel Prize in Literature. She is the first Korean to receive this honor. Her work is known for its "intense poetic prose" that addresses historical traumas and the fragility of life. Notable works include The Vegetarian (Man Booker International Prize winner in 2016), The White Book, Human Acts, and Greek Lessons.
 - 3. Which ministry launched Yuva Sangam Portal?
 - A. Ministry of Defence
 - B. Ministry of Education
 - C. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

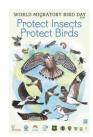
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 - D. Ministry of Women and Child Development



- ✓ The Ministry of Education launched the registration portal for the fifth phase of Yuva Sangam under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. Yuva Sangam aims to strengthen connections between youth from different states and union territories. Participants aged 18 to 30 can register on the portal.
- ✓ The registration deadline is the 21st of this month. During the Yuva Sangam tours, participants will receive exposure in five areas: Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Tradition), Pragati (Progress), Paraspar Sampark (Interconnection), and Prodyogiki (Technology) over 5-7 days.

- 4. What is the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2024?
- A. Sing, Fly, Soar Like a Bird
- B. Dim the Lights for Birds at Night
- C. Protect Insects, Protect Birds

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- D. Water: Sustaining Bird Life



- ✓ World Migratory Bird Day is a global campaign to promote international cooperation for the conservation of migratory birds. In 2024, it is celebrated on 11 May and 12 October, reflecting bird migrations in different hemispheres. The 2024 theme is "Protect Insects, Protect Birds." The day raises awareness about the role insects play in supporting bird survival and urges action for their protection.
 - 5. What is the name of the data repository that the Reserve Bank of India is planning to create for climate-related data?
 - A. Reserve Bank Climate Risk Information System (RB-CRIS) ☑
 - B. Reserve Bank Climate Action System (RB-CAS)
 - C. Reserve Bank Environment Data Repository (RB-EDR)
 - D. Reserve Bank Green Data Hub (RB-GDH)



- ✓ RBI proposed the Reserve Bank Climate Risk Information System (RB-CRIS) to bridge gaps in climate-related data. Current climate data is fragmented, from varied sources, formats, and frequencies. RB-CRIS will have two parts: a public web directory of data sources and a data portal with standardized datasets. RBI will launch RB-CRIS in phases, starting with the directory, followed by the portal for regulated entities.
 - 6. Which day is observed as the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR) annually?
 - A. October 11
 - B. October 12
 - C. October 13 ☑
 - D. October 14



✓ The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR) is celebrated annually on October 13. The
day was established in 1989 to promote a global culture of disaster reduction and risk-awareness.

It celebrates the efforts of communities and people around the world to reduce their exposure to
disasters.

- 7. Which ministry has designated Hizb-ut-Tahrir (HuT) as a terrorist organization?
- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of External Affairs
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs

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- D. Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has designated Hizb-ut-Tahrir (HuT) as a terrorist organization under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The group seeks to establish a global Islamic state and Caliphate through terrorism, posing a significant threat to India's national security. HuT has been involved in radicalizing youth and promoting terrorism via social media, making it a serious concern for the Indian government.
 - 8. What is the primary objective of fortified rice initiative?
 - A. Combat malnutrition
 - B. Increase rice exports
 - C. Increase rice imports
 - D. None of the above



- ✓ The Union cabinet, led by PM Modi, approved the continuation of fortified rice distribution under all government schemes, including Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), from July 2024 to December 2028. The initiative is fully funded by the Centre, providing a unified mechanism for implementation.
- ✓ India faces high malnutrition levels, especially among women and children, with widespread deficiencies in iron, Vitamin B12, and folic acid. The National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) shows high anaemia rates, with every second woman anaemic and every third child stunted. Rice, a staple food in India, is ideal for fortification to address malnutrition and improve health.
 - 9. Which organization recently released All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS) for 2021-22?
 - A. NABARD 2
 - B. RBI
 - C. FCI
 - D. SEBI



✓ NABARD's second All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS) for 2021-22 surveyed 1 lakh rural households across India post-COVID. The average monthly income of households rose by 57.6% from Rs 8,059 in 2016-17 to Rs 12,698 in 2021-22, with a 9.5% CAGR. Agricultural households earned Rs 13,661, while non-agricultural households earned Rs 11,438.

✓ Salaried employment was the largest income source for all households (37%). For agricultural households, cultivation made up one-third of income, while government/private services contributed one-fourth. Non-agricultural households relied primarily on government/private services (57%) and wage labor (26%).

10. Tele-MANAS Initiative is associated with which field?

A. Agriculture

B. Mental health

C. Education

D. Sports

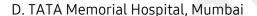


- ✓ The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare observed World Mental Health Day and celebrated two years of Tele MANAS. This year's theme is "It is time to prioritize Mental Health at Workplace." Tele MANAS aims to provide universal access to affordable mental health care through 24/7 telemental health services across India.
 - 11. Which research institution recently identified TDP1 (Tyrosyl-DNA phosphodiesterase 1) as a promising target for cancer treatment?

A. IISc, Bengaluru

B. Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Kolkata ☑

C. AIIMS, Delhi





- ✓ Scientists at the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science in Kolkata have found a new target for cancer treatment by activating a DNA repair enzyme called TDP1. TDP1, or Tyrosyl-DNA phosphodiesterase 1, is essential for DNA repair in humans as it removes damaged DNA bases. This discovery opens a promising path for precision medicine in cancer treatment, particularly for cancers that are resistant to existing therapies.
 - 12. A Brahmi inscription was recently discovered in which district of Andhra Pradesh?

A. Palnadu ☑

B. Nellore

C. Guntur

D. Kurnool



✓ A Brahmi inscription has been discovered in Dharanikota village, Amaravathi mandal, Palnadu district, Andhra Pradesh. The inscription is in the Prakrit language and uses Brahmi characters dating back to the 2nd century CE. Brahmi is one of the oldest known Indian scripts, originating from the Mauryan Period. It is the foundation for most current Indian scripts, including Tamil, Devanagari, Bengali and Malayalam.

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