- 1. Which organization released the South Asian Development Update report?
- A. World Bank ☑
- B. IMF
- C. UNDP
- D. UNEP



- ✓ The World Bank released the South Asian Development Update report, indicating that output growth in South Asia will exceed that of other emerging market regions. Climate change is exposing South Asia to extreme heat, floods, and other weather-related shocks, with smaller firms in India being particularly vulnerable. Female labor force participation in the region is low at 32%, highlighting the potential for income growth through gender equity. Bhutan's economy is projected to grow by 7.2% in FY25.
 - 2. Which coalfield in Jharkhand has been identified as having high potential for coal bed methane generation?
 - A. Jharia coalfield
 - B. South Karanpura coalfield ☑
 - C. Giridih coalfield
 - D. Auranga coalfield



- ✓ A study by scientists from the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences in Lucknow found significant potential for hydrocarbon generation in the eastern South Karanpura coalfield in Jharkhand. The research used microscopic palynomorph analysis and geochemical assessments, showing the eastern Sirka coalfield has more hydrocarbon potential than the Giddi coalfield. The South Karanpura coalfield has 28 major coal blocks and is vital for India's energy sector.
 - 3. India has recently launched the 'Study in India' campaign in which city of UAE?
 - A. Dubai
 - B. Abu Dhabi
 - C. Sharjah 2
 - D. Al Ain



✓ India launched the 'Study in India' campaign at the 20th International Education Show in Sharjah to attract international students to its universities. Organized by EdCIL, the campaign aims to position India as a global education hub, showcasing over 590 universities offering diverse courses and benefits like scholarships. The centralized Study in India portal simplifies admissions, helping students explore programs, apply, and manage visas in one place. The program has attracted over 69,000 students for the 2024-25 academic year, with 4,000 already in India.

- 4. Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?
- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala 🗹
- C. Karnataka
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ A recent two-day vulture survey in Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary recorded 80 vultures across nine locations. Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Kerala, within the southern part of the Western Ghats. It is part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The sanctuary is bordered by protected areas like Nagarhole and Bandipur in Karnataka and Mudumalai in Tamil Nadu. Several adivasi tribes, including Paniyas, Kattunaikkans, Kurumas, Ooralis, Adiyans, and Kurichiyas, live in these forests.
 - 5. Recently, the Army Chief launched 'Agniastra' multi-target detonation device in which city?
 - A. New Delhi
 - B. Gangtok 2
 - C. Kohima
 - D. Shillong



- ✓ Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi unveiled 'Agniastra,' a multi-target detonation device, at the Army Commanders Conference in Gangtok. It improves room interventions and bunker destruction, aiding counter-terrorism operations. The device, known as WEDC, enhances safety and reliability over the older one which had a limited range of 400 meters.
- ✓ The new microprocessor-based detonation system, developed by Major Rajprasad, operates in both wired and wireless modes with a range of 2.5 km. It allows selective and simultaneous firing of multiple targets, making it highly effective for safe demolition operations.
 - 6. What is the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2024?
 - A. Protect Insects, Protect Birds

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 - B. Water: Sustaining Bird Life
 - C. Dim the Lights for Birds at Night
 - D. Sing, Fly, Soar Like a Bird
- ✓ World Migratory Bird Day is a global campaign to raise awareness about conserving migratory birds. It emphasizes the importance of international cooperation for their protection. In 2024, it was celebrated on 11 May and 12 October, marking the seasonal migrations in both hemispheres. The 2024 theme is "Protect Insects, Protect Birds."



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- 7. Where was the India Digital Agri Conference 2024 organized?
- A. New Delhi 🗹
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Kolkata



- ✓ The India Digital Agri Conference 2024, co-organized by ICFA and IIT Ropar, was held in New Delhi. The mission aims to empower farmers with real-time information for better decision-making and boost rural livelihoods. The event emphasized using technology and collaboration to innovate traditional farming, promote sustainability, and build climate-resilient systems.
 - 8. Which day is observed as World Arthritis Day annually?
 - A. October 11
 - B. October 12 ☑
 - C. October 13
 - D. October 14



- ✓ World Arthritis Day is observed on October 12 to raise awareness about arthritis and rheumatic diseases. It aims to improve understanding of these conditions and their impact on daily life. The focus is on early diagnosis, self-management, and access to proper treatment. The theme for 2024 is "Informed Choices, Better Outcomes".
 - 9. Taurus Missile is jointly developed by which countries?
 - A. Russia and China

 - C. Myanmar and Nepal
 - D. France and India



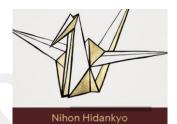
- ✓ As Ukraine seeks Taurus missiles to counter Russia, the South Korean Air Force conducted a live fire drill with the German-origin Taurus missile. The Taurus missile is a precision-guided, long-range air-to-surface cruise missile developed in the mid-1990s by German and Swedish companies. It can strike stationary and semi-stationary targets with high accuracy. Weighing 1,400 kg and about 5.1 meters long, it can be launched from various platforms.
 - 10. What is the name of the memorial inaugurated for soldiers who died in Sikkim's flash floods?
 - A. Prerna Sthal 🗹
- B. Veer Smarak
- C. Amar Jawan Jyoti
- D. None of the above



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✓ The 'Prerna Sthal' memorial in Sikkim, inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, honors 22 soldiers who lost their lives in the October 2023 glacial lake outburst at South Lhonak Lake. The memorial symbolizes their courage and sacrifice, aiming to inspire national pride. Similar to the National War Memorial in New Delhi, it serves as a tribute to fallen heroes, fostering unity and remembrance across generations.

- 11. What is the name of the Japanese organization that was recently awarded the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize?
- A. Tianshui Association
- C. Sompo Welfare Foundation
- D. Japanese Council of Social Welfare



- ✓ Nihon Hidankyo, the Japanese organization of atomic bomb survivors, was awarded the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons and raise awareness about the humanitarian consequences of their use. The group, representing the Hibakusha, has played a crucial role in the global movement for nuclear disarmament since its founding in 1956.
 - 12. Bathukamma festival is mainly celebrated in which state?
 - A. Telangana 🗹
- B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Kerala



✓ Bathukamma is a festival celebrated in the state of Telangana and some parts of Andhra Pradesh. It is a floral festival that celebrates the beginning of the Sarad or Sharath Ruthu season. It is celebrated for nine days during Durga Navratri, usually in September or October. Bathukamma is a symbol of Telangana's cultural identity and is celebrated with vibrant flowers, songs, and communal harmony.

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