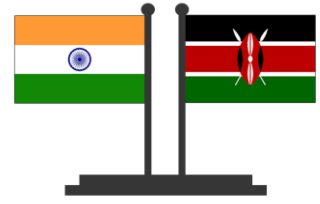


1. Recently, where was the third edition of Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting between India and Kenya held?

- A. Lucknow
- B. New Delhi
- C. Kolkata
- D. Chennai



- ✓ **The third Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting between India and Kenya was held in New Delhi. Discussions covered military cooperation, training, defence industries, and research and development. The Kenyan delegation met Indian defence industry representatives in Delhi and will visit Pune to explore their capabilities.**
- ✓ **India and Kenya share a longstanding, friendly relationship, strengthened by a 2016 MoU on Defence Cooperation. JDCC serves as a key platform to discuss and enhance defence ties. The Indian delegation was led by Joint Secretary Amitabh Prasad, and the Kenyan side was led by Major General David Kipkemboi Ketter.**

2. Recently, which ministry launched the new 'Notary Portal' in New Delhi?

- A. Ministry of Law and Justice
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Power



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- ✓ **Ministry of Law and Justice launched the new Notary Portal in New Delhi, enhancing digital services in line with Digital India. The portal offers a paperless, faceless, and efficient system, benefiting both notaries and the public.**
- ✓ **It provides online services, including applications for appointment as notaries, issuance and renewal of Certificates of Practice, change of practice area, and submission of annual returns. Notaries can now submit applications online, monitor their progress, and download digitally signed Certificates of Practice via Digilocker, eliminating the need for physical submissions.**

3. Jagar Lok Sanskriti Utsav is a festival celebrating the folk culture of which northern state?

- A. Assam
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Sikkim



- ✓ **The government recently celebrated Uttarakhand's rich folk culture at the Jagar Lok Sanskriti Utsav. A book titled Uttarakhand ka Lok Putra Pritam Bharatwan by Sachidanand Semwal was**

released, honoring Pritam Bharatwan as the brand ambassador of the state's folk culture. Jagar Lok Sanskriti Utsav highlights Uttarakhand's folk traditions. This festival involves rituals where gods and deities are awakened for favors or remedies.

4. Na Anka famine was associated with which state?

- A. Haryana
- B. Odisha
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Bihar



- ✓ The Union Education Minister proposed renaming Ravenshaw University due to its association with the Na Anka Famine during Thomas Edward Ravenshaw's tenure. The Na Anka Famine, also known as the Great Odisha Famine, devastated Odisha in 1866, two years before Ravenshaw University was founded in 1868. The famine was so severe that about one-third of Odisha's population died. It occurred during the 9th Regnal year of King Divya Singha Deva of Orissa. Thomas Edward Ravenshaw, a British bureaucrat and colonial commissioner of Odisha, witnessed the famine's devastating impact firsthand.

5. Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has announced the construction of Vedic-3D Museum in which city?

- A. Kanpur
- B. Varanasi
- C. Ayodhya
- D. Lucknow



- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government announced a Vedic-3D Museum at Sampurnanand Sanskrit University in Varanasi. The museum will focus on Indian astrology, astronomy, and Vedic literature, showcasing the evolution of Vedic traditions like the 16 Sanskars, 64 arts, and 18 Vidya Sthans. It will display rare manuscripts preserved in Saraswati Bhawan, including "Raas Panchadhyayi," Shrimad Bhagwat Gita, and Durgasaptashati. The museum aims to revive spiritual discourse and deepen knowledge in Vedic literature.

6. Digital Bus initiative is launched by which two organizations?

- A. National Digital India Mission and NIIT Foundation
- B. Ministry of Education and Infosys Foundation
- C. NITI Aayog and Department of IT
- D. Digital India Mission and TCS



- ✓ The Digital Bus initiative has impacted over three lakh beneficiaries across India since its launch in 2017. It is a joint venture between the National Digital India Mission and the NIIT Foundation, aiming to bring technology to remote areas and foster innovation.
- ✓ The initiative seeks to reduce the digital divide, connect people to government programs, enhance learning interest, promote collaborative learning, and develop interpersonal skills. The solar-powered, 5G-enabled buses serve as mobile classrooms with computers, internet access, and preinstalled e-courses.

7. Recently, which ministry has launched the 'Vishvasya-Blockchain Technology Stack'?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- C. Ministry of Urban Development
- D. Ministry of Defence



- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched the Vishvasya-Blockchain Technology Stack to provide Blockchain-as-a-Service (BaaS). It is built on a distributed infrastructure, designed to support different permissioned blockchain applications.
- ✓ MeitY also introduced NBFLite, a lightweight blockchain platform, and Praamaanik, a solution for verifying mobile app origins. The National Blockchain Framework (NBF) aims to enhance digital trust and service delivery through research and application development. NBF offers secure, transparent services using smart contracts and an API gateway.

8. Recently, the President of India inaugurated the 'Vishwashanti Buddha Vihar' in which district of Maharashtra?

- A. Kolhapur
- B. Raigad
- C. Latur
- D. Gondia



- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Vishwashanti Buddha Vihara in Udgir, Latur district. She installed a statue of Gautama Buddha inside the vihara and paid tribute to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar by offering flowers at his statue.
- ✓ The event featured a traditional Buddha worship ceremony. Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, and other leaders attended the event. The vihara is a replica of the Buddha Vihara in Kalburgi, Karnataka, spread over 15 hectares. It has a meditation center for 1,200 followers, and its main entrance is inspired by the Sanchi Stupa.

9. Which states have recorded the highest growth in real gross state domestic product (GSDP) in FY24?

- A. Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Rajasthan
- B. Manipur, Odisha and Jharkhand
- C. Gujarat, Assam and Punjab
- D. Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Haryana



- ✓ **Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Rajasthan recorded the highest growth in real Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) in FY24 among the 10 largest states. Telangana, the ninth largest state, grew at 9.2%, reaching ₹7.9 lakh crore, surpassing national GDP growth of 8.2%. Tamil Nadu, the third largest state, saw an 8.2% growth, reaching ₹15.7 lakh crore.**
- ✓ **Rajasthan, the seventh largest state, grew by 8%. GSDP measures the total value of all goods and services produced within a state's boundaries in a year. GSDP is crucial for understanding a state's economic growth and development trends over time.**

10. Which ministry recently won the national award for e-Governance 2024 for Poshan Tracker initiative?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Agriculture



- ✓ **The Ministry of Women and Child Development won the National Award for e-Governance 2024 (Gold) for the Poshan Tracker initiative. The Poshan Tracker monitors the growth of children aged 0-6 years using real-time data and WHO growth charts to ensure proper nutrition.**
- ✓ **Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) assess children's health and intervene when growth issues arise. Advanced ICT tools and Growth Measuring Devices (GMD) are used at Anganwadi Centers for accurate monitoring. The app improves child health outcomes, covering millions under Mission Poshan 2.0. It also manages services for pregnant women, mothers, and children.**

11. Recently, where was the second phase of 'Exercise Tarang Shakti 24' held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Jodhpur
- C. Shillong
- D. Prayagraj



- ✓ **The second phase of 'Exercise Tarang Shakti 24' was held at Air Force Station Jodhpur. It involved international participation, including Australia, which contributed three EA-18G Growler aircraft and 120 personnel. The exercise took place from Aug.30 to Sep.13 and aimed to strengthen regional security cooperation. Other participating nations included Greece, Sri Lanka, the UAE, Japan, Singapore, and the US.**

12. Which country recently signed an MoU with India to enhance bilateral cooperation in public sector auditing?

- A. United Arab Emirates
- B. Myanmar
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Iran



- ✓ The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) signed an MoU with the UAE Accountability Authority to enhance collaboration between the two countries in public sector auditing. This MoU will create opportunities for learning and cooperation. The partnership focuses on knowledge exchange, capacity building, and best practices in public sector auditing.
- ✓ UAE Accountability Authority President, Humaid Obaid Khalifa, highlighted the MoU's role in improving governance and accountability in both nations. This agreement strengthens audit cooperation, promoting transparency and efficiency in government operations.

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