

1. Recently, which country has announced a new Trusted Tour Operator Scheme (TTOS) to increase tourism from India and China?

- A. New Zealand
- B. South Africa
- C. Chile
- D. Japan



- ✓ South Africa announced a new Trusted Tour Operator Scheme (TTOS), focusing on India and China. The scheme will start in January next year and aims to reform the visa system. It is expected to boost tourism jobs and help South Africa become a preferred destination for tourists from two of the world's largest economies. Currently, Indian tourists make up only 3.9% of South Africa's international visitors.

2. Who became the first Indian archer to win gold medal at the 2024 Paris Paralympics?

- A. Harvinder Singh
- B. Manish Narwal
- C. Nishad Kumar
- D. Sumit Antil



- ✓ Harvinder Singh won a historic gold medal in men's individual recurve archery at the Paris Paralympics 2024. This win marked India's 22nd medal in the event. He defeated Poland's Lukasz Cizek in the final. His achievement adds to India's successes in other Paralympic sports like shot put and club throw.

3. Which state government recently approved 33% reservation to women in the police force and 5% additional allowance to pensioners?

- A. Manipur
- B. Karnataka
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ The Rajasthan government approved 33% reservation for women in the police force. A 5% additional allowance was approved for pensioners aged 70 to 75. Amendments were made to the Rajasthan Police Subordinate Services Rules, 1989. Rules 67 and 87 of the Rajasthan Civil Services Pension Rules, 1996, were amended under central pension rules. Gratuity and death gratuity for state employees were increased from ₹20 lakh to ₹25 lakh.

4. Rajaji National Park is located in which state?

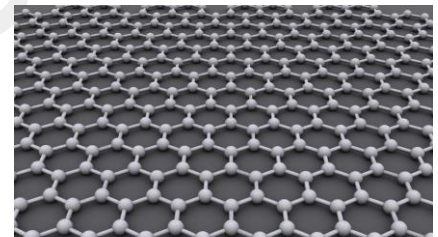
- A. Haryana
- B. Odisha
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Bihar



- ✓ The Supreme Court criticized Uttarakhand's Chief Minister for appointing a forest officer as the Director of Rajaji National Park. Rajaji National Park is located in Haridwar, Uttarakhand, covering 820 sq km in the Shivalik foothills. Established in 1983 by merging Rajaji, Motichur, and Chila sanctuaries, it was named after freedom fighter C. Rajgopalachari. The park is the northwestern habitat limit for Asian elephants and features diverse forest types. Rajaji was declared a Tiger Reserve in 2015.

5. Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology has recently launched the 'Graphene-Aurora program' in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. Assam



- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched the India Graphene Engineering and Innovation Centre (I-GEIC) as part of the Graphene Aurora program (GAP) in Kerala. The GAP is managed by Digital University Kerala. The IGEIC is a non-profit organization based in Trivandrum, Kerala. Its goal is to become a leading center for the commercialization of graphene technology. The IGEIC aims to bridge the gap between research and commercialization by offering comprehensive facilities for startups and industries.

6. Project Strawberry is related to which field?

- A. Agriculture
- B. Artificial Intelligence
- C. Finance
- D. None of the above



- ✓ OpenAI is preparing to release its most advanced AI model, potentially part of ChatGPT-5, known as Project Strawberry. This model is expected to greatly enhance AI's reasoning, math, and programming skills. Project Strawberry can generate high-quality synthetic data to address gaps in real-world data and improve training accuracy. Artificial General Intelligence refers to AI with capabilities comparable to the human brain.

7. Recently, where was the first Joint Commanders' Conference (JCC) held?

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. Lucknow
- C. Bhopal
- D. Patna



- ✓ **The first Joint Commanders' Conference held in Lucknow with the theme 'Sashakt and Surakshit Bharat: Transforming Armed Forces'. The focus is on preparing India's military for the changing operational environment. Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan and the chiefs of the Army, Navy, and Air Force are leading the event. General Chauhan reviewed the security situation and stressed the importance of jointness and future integration for modern warfare.**

8. Which day will be observed and celebrated as 'Sootea Day' by the Assam government?

- A. 15 July
- B. 20 August
- C. 18 September
- D. 5 October



- ✓ **Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma visited Sootea Police Station in Biswanath District. He paid tribute to the martyrs of the 1942 Quit India Movement. He announced that August 20 will be celebrated as Sootea Day. Sarma revealed plans to build a heritage monument at the site. Rs 5 crores have been allocated for this project.**

9. Recently, where was the first 'International Solar Festival' organized?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Bhopal
- C. New Delhi
- D. Lucknow



- ✓ **India's solar energy capacity has increased 32 times in the last decade. Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted this during the first International Solar Festival in New Delhi, held via video conferencing. India is on track to achieve 500 GW of non-fossil capacity by 2030 and is the first G20 nation to meet Paris Agreement goals on renewable energy. The International Solar Alliance (ISA), established in 2015, now has 100 member countries.**

10. Recently, the Prime Minister of India launched 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' in which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Assam
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Kerala



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' initiative in Surat, Gujarat, via video conferencing. The program involves constructing around 24,800 rainwater harvesting structures to enhance water sustainability. He emphasized the importance of public participation in water conservation to secure a sustainable future for upcoming generations.
- ✓ He stated that future generations will evaluate us based on our approach to water. Water conservation is deeply rooted in India's culture, with initiatives like Jal Jivan Mission and Atal Bhujal Yojana supporting this cause. He called for adopting new technologies to address water scarcity issues.

11. Who has created history by becoming the first Indian to win a medal in Judo at the 2024 Paris Paralympics?

- A. Sakina Khatun
- B. Sachin Sinha
- C. Kapil Parmar
- D. Paramjeet Kumar



- ✓ Kapil Parmar won a bronze medal at the Paris Paralympics 2024 in the Para Judo Men's J1-660 Kilogrammes event. He defeated Elielton de Oliveira from Brazil 10-0 via an Ippon, marking India's first Paralympic medal in Judo. Parmar had previously won a silver medal in the 2022 Asian Games. He also won against Venezuela's Marco Dennis Blanco 10-0 in the quarterfinals. Parmar, from Shivor village in Madhya Pradesh, survived a severe childhood accident involving an electric shock and spent six months in a coma.

12. Which ministry has recently launched the 'VisioNxt web portal'?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Textiles
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Textiles launched the VisioNxt web portal to make India a global fashion leader. The portal provides real-time, India-specific fashion trend insights, reducing reliance on foreign forecasting agencies. It was launched by Union Minister Giriraj Singh on 5 September 2024 in New Delhi. The India-specific Fashion Trend Book 'Paridhi 24x25' was also unveiled at the event. The VisioNxt portal was developed by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT).

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