

1. What is theme of 'World Suicide Prevention Day' for 2024-2026?

- A. Changing the Narratives on Suicide
- B. Creating Hope through Action
- C. Working together to prevent suicide
- D. One World Connected



- ✓ **World Suicide Prevention Day is observed annually on September 10 to raise awareness about suicide prevention globally. First held in 2003, its goal is to educate the public on suicidal behavior and ways to prevent it. Over 700,000 suicides occur worldwide each year. The 2024 theme, "Changing the Narratives on Suicide.**

2. Recently, where was the the first Foundation Day program of the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C) organized?

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



- ✓ **The union home minister addressed the first Foundation Day of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) in New Delhi, launching new initiatives to combat cybercrime. The Cyber Fraud Mitigation Centre (CFMC) was established to coordinate with banks, financial intermediaries, and law enforcement for immediate action on online financial crimes.**
- ✓ **The Samanvaya Platform is a web-based system for cybercrime data sharing, mapping, and coordination among law enforcement agencies. The 'Cyber Commandos' Program will create a special team of trained cyber experts to support state and central agencies in digital security.**

3. What is a 'Nebula'?

- A. Giant cloud of dust and gas in space
- B. Aircraft carrier
- C. Earth observation satellite
- D. Exoplanet



- ✓ **NASA recently shared an amazing image of the Red Spider Nebula, exciting space fans. A nebula is a large cloud of dust and gas in space, where new stars can form or where gas and dust from dying stars collect. Nebulae are called as "star nurseries". Gravity causes clumps of dust and gas in a nebula to come together, eventually collapsing to form a hot core that becomes a new star. Nebulae are found in interstellar space, with the closest known one being the Helix Nebula, about 700 light-years from Earth.**

4. Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) is functioning under which ministry?

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



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- ✓ The Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) recently launched a website offering technical terms in all 22 official Indian languages. Established in December 1960, CSTT's goal is to develop and define scientific and technical terms in Hindi and other Indian languages. It operates under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, with its headquarters in New Delhi. The CSTT's main functions are to create standardized terminology, promote its use, and ensure widespread distribution.

5. Which country will host the 'International Cooperative Alliance General Assembly' and the 'Global Cooperative Conference' in November 2024?

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Nepal
- D. Russia



- ✓ India will host the International Cooperative Alliance's general assembly and global conference for the first time in November at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The theme of the conference is "Cooperatives Build Prosperity for All," reflecting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sahkar se Samridhi.' The event will launch the UN International Year of Cooperatives – 2025 and unveil a commemorative stamp for it. India, with a significant share of the world's cooperatives, aims to boost its cooperative movement through this conference.

6. Which ministry recently published report "Health Dynamics of India (Infrastructure and Human Resources) 2022-23"?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Health
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Urban Development



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- ✓ The Health Ministry released the "Health Dynamics of India (Infrastructure and Human Resources) 2022-23" report, formerly known as Rural Health Statistics. India has 714 district hospitals and 362 medical colleges. Rural health facilities have increased from 2005 to 2023, with around 32,000 Primary Health Centers (PHCs) nationwide, 25,000 of which are in rural areas.

- ✓ Doctors and medical officers in PHCs increased from 20,000 to 32,000, but vacancies have nearly doubled. Many Sub-Centres (SCs) and Urban PHCs (U-PHCs) operate in rented buildings, with a 36% shortfall in U-PHCs as per urban population norms.

7. Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), recently completed 5 years of implementation, was launched in which year?

- A. 2017
- B. 2018
- C. 2019
- D. 2020



- ✓ The Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) was launched by India in 2019 at the East Asia Summit in Bangkok as a global, non-treaty initiative. It builds on India's 2015 'Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)' concept. IPOI promotes community building and partnerships with like-minded countries through practical cooperation. IPOI offers an alternative to geopolitical competition and aligns with India's Maritime Vision 2030 and global initiatives like AIPOIP and ASEAN's AOIP.

8. Which organization recently developed and launched the Air Quality Management Exchange Platform (AQMx)?

- A. UNEP
- B. Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)
- C. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- D. World Health Organization



- ✓ The Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) launched the Air Quality Management Exchange Platform (AQMx). It aims to assist air quality professionals globally in addressing air pollution. AQMx provides guidance and tools aligned with WHO Air Quality Guidelines targets. It was created in response to a UN Environment Assembly resolution, calling for global cooperation on air pollution. The platform addresses air quality management capacity gaps with curated guidance.

9. Recently, where was the fifth 'India-Philippines Joint Defence Cooperation' meeting held?

- A. Manila
- B. New Delhi
- C. Antipolo
- D. Chennai



- ✓ The Defence Secretary co-chaired the 5th India-Philippines Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting in Manila. This meeting is significant as it coincides with 75 years of diplomatic ties between India and the Philippines and 10 years of India's Act East Policy.

- ✓ Diplomatic relations began in 1949, and ties strengthened with India's Look East Policy in 1992 and Act East Policy in 2014. Recent developments include a \$374.9 million contract for BrahMos missiles, an MoU on Defence Industry cooperation, and growing bilateral trade.

10. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is implemented by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Urban Development



- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the fourth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-IV (PMGSY-IV). It is implemented by Ministry of Rural Development. PMGSY-IV will run for five years (2024-2029) with a total cost of Rs 70,125 crore, shared by the central and state governments. The target is to build and upgrade 62,500 km of roads to connect 25,000 unconnected villages.

11. 'Ahaetulla longirostris' belongs to which species?

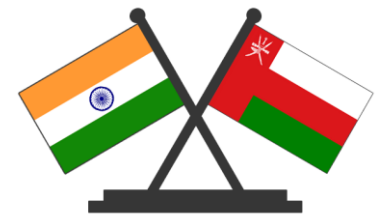
- A. Spider
- B. Frog
- C. Snake
- D. Fish



- ✓ A new snake species, Ahaetulla Longirostris, was discovered in India with a unique long snout. This snake, called the long-snouted vine snake, was found in Bihar and Meghalaya. It has a slender, elongated body and can grow up to 4 feet long. Its color ranges from bright green to orange-brown, with an orange belly. The head is triangular, and the snout is 18% of the head's length. The species can live in both forests and urban areas.

12. Recently, Oman hosts "Eastern Bridge VII & Al Najah V Exercise" with which country?

- A. India
- B. Bhutan
- C. Myanmar
- D. Nepal



- ✓ Indian and Omani military forces are conducting bilateral exercises in September 2024 to strengthen defence ties. The Indian Air Force is participating in Exercise Eastern Bridge VII, held at Air Force Base Masirah, Oman, from 11-22 September 2024. The Indian contingent includes MiG-29s, Jaguar fighter planes, and C-17 Globemaster III transport planes. This exercise, first held in 2009, enhances interoperability and operational readiness.

- ✓ The Indian Army is also participating in Exercise AL NAJAH-V from 13-26 September 2024 in Salalah, Oman, focusing on counterterrorism operations and desert warfare. These exercises are held biennially, alternating between India and Oman.

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