

1. Recently, where was the "2nd International Conference on Green Hydrogen" held?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurates the 2nd International Conference on Green Hydrogen on 11 September 2024. The conference takes place at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 11-13 September 2024. The aim is to position India as a global leader in the green hydrogen ecosystem. It focuses on technological advancements and strategic investments in the green hydrogen value chain. The event is organized by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and the Principal Scientific Adviser's Office.

2. 'International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)' was launched in which year?

- A. 2003
- B. 2014
- C. 2023
- D. 2004



- ✓ IBCA was launched by the Indian Prime Minister on 9 April 2023, during the 50th anniversary of Project Tiger. Its goal is to conserve seven big cat species—tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar, and puma—and their habitats globally. The alliance covers 97 range countries and focuses on knowledge-sharing, capacity-building, and resource support. India supports IBCA with Rs 150 crore for five years, with its headquarters in India and a governance structure.

3. Recently, Bovine animal Mithun has been spotted in which northeastern state for the first time?

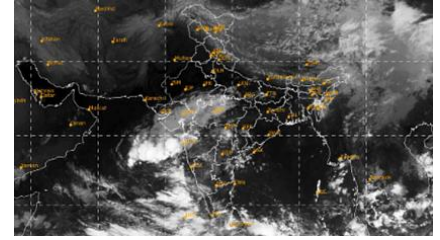
- A. Mizoram
- B. Manipur
- C. Assam
- D. Nagaland



- ✓ Mithun, a semi-domesticated bovine species, was recently spotted in Assam for the first time. Known as the "cattle of the mountain," Mithun originated over 8,000 years ago and is believed to be a descendant of the wild Indian gaur. It is most concentrated in Northeast India, especially in Arunachal Pradesh, and is also found in Southeast Asia.
- ✓ Mithun resembles the Indian bison but is smaller, weighing 400-650 kg, with distinct horns and coloration. It is the state animal of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland. Mithun is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List and in CITES Appendix I.

4. What is the total financial outlay recently approved by the Union Cabinet for "Mission Mausam"?

- A. Rs 1,000 crore
- B. Rs 2,000 crore
- C. Rs 3,000 crore
- D. Rs 5,000 crore



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet approved 'Mission Mausam' with a budget of Rs. 2,000 crore for two years. It aims to enhance India's weather and climate-related research, services, and technologies. Mission Mausam focuses on improving weather surveillance, forecasting, and management using advanced systems like AI, machine learning, and high-performance computing.**
- ✓ **It will provide accurate weather and climate information, including monsoon forecasts, extreme weather alerts, and air quality updates. Implemented by India Meteorological Department, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, and National Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting. It benefits sectors like agriculture, disaster management, aviation, and energy.**

5. Which ministry recently launched the "Trade Connect e-Platform"?

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



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- ✓ **The Union Minister for Commerce launched the Trade Connect e-platform to boost international trade for Indian exporters, especially MSMEs. This digital platform links Indian exporters, MSMEs, and entrepreneurs with stakeholders like Indian Missions Abroad and Export Promotion Councils. It provides information on global trade events, Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), and other trade data. Developed in collaboration with key partners like EXIM Bank, Ministry of MSME, and Ministry of External Affairs.**

6. 'Southern Birdwing butterfly' is the state butterfly of which state?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Telangana



- ✓ **A Southern Birdwing butterfly, India's second largest butterfly species, was recently found at the satellite campus of The American College in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. Also known as the 'Sahyadri Birdwing,' it is mostly found in South Asia, especially in the Western Ghats. It is exceptionally large, with wings larger than some small birds, which gives it the name "birdwing."**

- ✓ Males have black wings with greenish-blue markings, while females display cream-coloured patterns. It is Karnataka's state butterfly.

7. "National Florence Nightingale Award" is instituted by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Law and Justice
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Defence



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- ✓ The President of India presented the 2024 National Florence Nightingale Awards. Instituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in 1973, these awards honor outstanding nurses from Central, State/UTs, and Voluntary Organizations. The award recognizes nurses for their exceptional service in hospital, community, educational, or administrative roles. Winners receive a Certificate of Merit, Rs.1,00,000 in cash, and a medal.

8. Which day is observed as "National Forest Martyrs Day" every year?

- A. 11 September
- B. 12 September
- C. 13 September
- D. 14 September



- ✓ National Forest Martyrs Day is observed on September 11th in India to honor those who sacrificed their lives to protect forests and wildlife. It was established by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change in 2013, commemorating the 1730 Khejarli Massacre, where Bishnoi community members defended trees. The day highlights the importance of preserving natural resources and honors forest guards, rangers, and officers. Events and activities are held nationwide to raise awareness about forest conservation.

9. Which organization recently released its first ever global guidance on antibiotic pollution?

- A. UNEP
- B. World Health Organization
- C. Indian Association for Medical Informatics
- D. European Union



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- ✓ WHO released its first-ever guidance to address antibiotic pollution from manufacturing processes, a major factor in the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) crisis. Wastewater from antibiotic manufacturing contains residues that pollute water bodies and land, contributing to AMR.

- ✓ Currently, antibiotic pollution from manufacturing is mostly unregulated, and quality standards do not address environmental emissions. AMR occurs when pathogens no longer respond to medicines.

10. Which day is observed as "United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation" annually?

- A. 12 September
- B. 14 December
- C. 12 January
- D. 14 September



- ✓ September 12 is observed as the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation. This day celebrates the progress made by developing countries in the Global South in economic, social, and political areas. It marks the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action in 1978, which promotes technical cooperation among developing countries.
- ✓ The theme for 2024 is "A Better Tomorrow through South-South Cooperation." The term "Global South" refers to developing countries and is not geographically limited to the southern hemisphere; many are actually in the Northern Hemisphere.

11. Recently, which state has topped in the country among states for having AYUSH facilities at all primary health centres in urban areas?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Jharkhand
- D. West Bengal



- ✓ Madhya Pradesh leads in having AYUSH facilities at all 328 primary health centers in urban areas and ranks third in tribal areas with 228 AYUSH doctors. Odisha and Chhattisgarh rank first and second in AYUSH doctors, respectively. The state has significantly increased its number of sub-health centers in rural areas since 2005. The report highlights improvements in health infrastructure, staffing, and availability of specialist doctors across states.

12. Which state recently sanctioned Rs 500 crore for the rejuvenation of 5,000 minor irrigation tanks?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha



- ✓ Tamil Nadu government has approved ₹500 crore to rejuvenate 5,000 minor irrigation tanks in rural areas. The project aims to improve water storage and manage local water resources,

particularly for agriculture. Funding includes ₹250 crore from the State Budget and ₹250 crore as a grant from the State Finance Commission. The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department will manage the funds. Tamil Nadu has 22,051 minor irrigation tanks and 69,777 ponds or ooranis. Panchayat unions manage the irrigation tanks, while village panchayats take care of the ponds and ooranis.

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