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1. Where was the 14th edition of the India-Russia bilateral naval exercise 'Indra-2025' held?

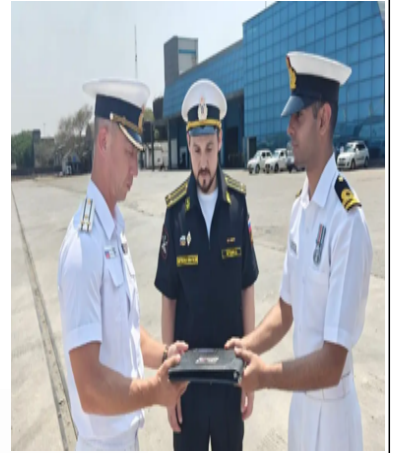
A - Chennai, Bay of Bengal

B - Arabian Sea

C - Jaisalmer

D - Punjab

The 14th edition of the India-Russia joint naval exercise Indra began on 28 March 2025 off the Chennai coast and will continue till 2 April. It will be held in two phases—the harbour phase (28-31 March) and the sea phase (31 March-2 April) in the Bay of Bengal. The first edition took place in 2003.



2. When was the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) launched?

A - Year 2017

B - Year 2018

C - Year 2020

D - Year 2021

India's textile industry contributes 2% to GDP and is expected to reach \$350 billion by 2030, creating 35 million jobs. India is the sixth largest exporter with a 3.9% share in global textile exports. The growing use of technical textiles is transforming the industry. The government launched the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) in 2020, for which a budget of ₹1,480 crore has been allocated.



3. Which organization recently successfully tested the VL-SRSAM missile in collaboration with the Indian Navy?

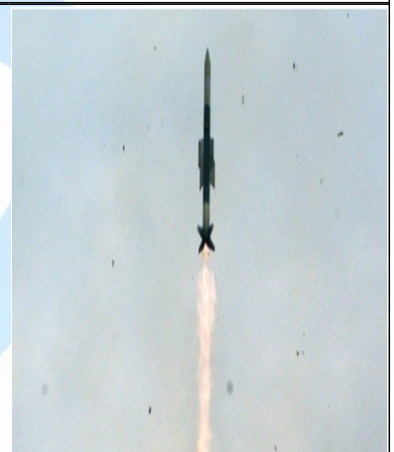
A - DRDO

B - ISRO

C - BHEL

D - HAL

DRDO and the Indian Navy successfully tested the VL-SRSAM missile in Chandipur, Odisha, which is capable of destroying high-speed aerial targets. This fully developed missile can be fired from Indian Navy warships and provides 360° protection. It can destroy fighter jets, helicopters, drones and sea-borne missiles.



4. Recently, the Government of India has decided to close the medium and long-term deposits of which gold scheme?

A - Sovereign Gold Bond

B - Gold Monetization Scheme (GMS)

C - Run by Mathur Finance

D - None of the following

The central government decided to close the medium and long-term deposits of the Gold Monetization Scheme (GMS) from 20 March 2025, while short-term deposits will continue at the discretion of banks. RBI clarified that existing deposits will not be affected till maturity. The scheme was started in 2015 to bring idle gold into the formal economy.





5. In which district of Punjab is Jhajjar Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary located?

A - Rupnagar

B - Jalandhar

C - Gurdaspur

D - Patiala

The Punjab government will develop Jhajjar-Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary as a leopard safari park, promoting ecotourism. Located near Sri Anandpur Sahib, it will be the state's first wildlife sanctuary, declared protected in 1998. It is spread over 1.16 sq km and was declared an eco-sensitive zone in 2017.



6. In which state is the Pamban Bridge located?

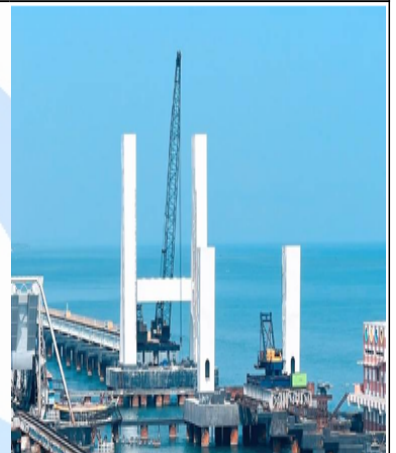
A - Rajasthan

B - Andhra Pradesh

C - Tamil Nadu

D - Maharashtra

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the new Pamban rail bridge built at a cost of ₹535 crore on April 6, 2025 (Ram Navami), which connects Ramanathapuram to Rameswaram Island. On the same day, he will also flag off the Tambaram-Rameswaram new train service.



7. Who was awarded the Abel Prize for the year 2025?

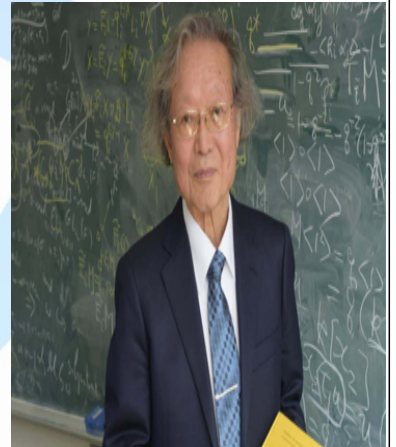
A - William Beitik

B - Masaaki Kashiwara

C - Andrew Symond

D - Nishtha Mukherjee

Japanese mathematician Masaaki Kashiwara received the Abel Prize for contributions to algebraic analysis and representation theory, particularly for the theory of D-modules and the discovery of crystal bases. The Abel Prize recognizes pioneering achievements in mathematics and is awarded by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters.



8. When did the Bharat Net project start?

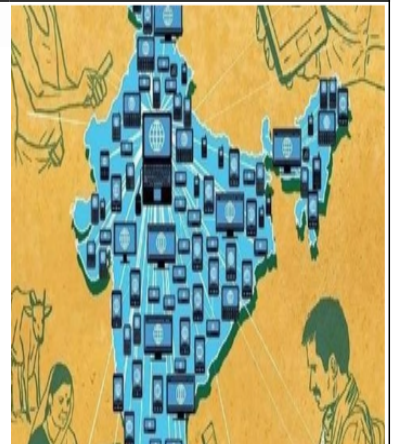
A - Year 2011

B - Year 2009

C - Year 2008

D - Year 2010

Union Minister SP Singh Baghel told the Rajya Sabha that 2.18 lakh gram panchayats are ready for high-speed internet under the BharatNet project, which is planned to be completed by March 2027. The project is being implemented under the Digital India program and will be used for fiber to the home (FTTH) and mobile tower backhaul services.





9. Which is the nodal ministry for the Digital Crop Survey System?

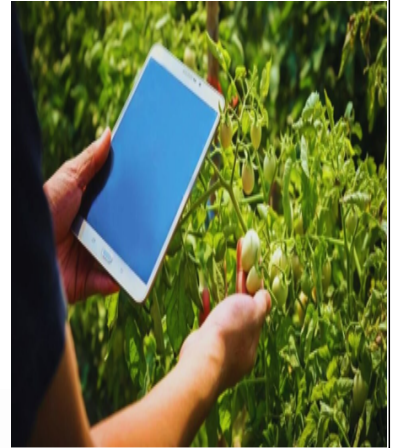
A - Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

B - Ministry of Home Affairs

C - Ministry of Finance

D - Ministry of Personnel

The Central Government launched the Digital Crop Survey (DCS) System, operated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, to collect crop data in real time. It provides accurate information of the fields through mobile interface, which will increase production estimates and transparency.



10. Which country is the second largest tea exporter in the world?

A - China

B - India

C - Kenya

D - Mongolia

India will become the world's second largest tea exporter in 2024, surpassing Sri Lanka. According to the Indian Tea Board, India exported 254 million kg of tea, up from 231 million kg in 2023. Kenya topped the list with over 500 million kg exports. India aims to export 300 million kg of tea by 2030. Tea exports generated revenue of Rs 7112 crore in 2024.



11. Which Indian-origin American woman has been confirmed as the director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) of the United States?

A - Jai Bhattacharya

B - Kamala Harris

C - Tulsi Gabbard

D - Usha Vais

The US Senate confirmed the appointment of Dr. Jai Bhattacharya as the director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He was nominated by Donald Trump. Kolkata-born Bhattacharya is a professor of health policy and economics at Stanford University. He remained in controversies due to his opposition to lockdown and mask mandates during the COVID-19 pandemic.



12. RBI has increased the additional charge of how many rupees on cash withdrawal of ATM of any other bank from 1 May 2025?

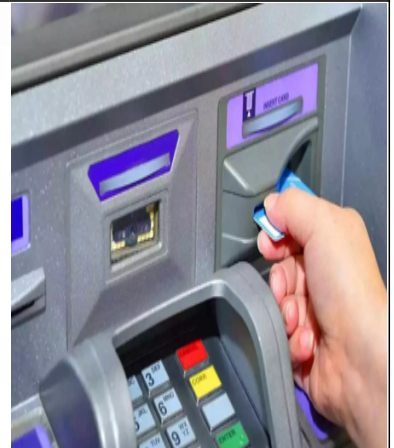
A - 6 ₹

B - 7 ₹

C - 3 ₹

D - 2 ₹

The Reserve Bank of India has approved the increase in ATM interchange charges from 1 May 2025. Now, if you exceed the free transaction limit from ATMs of other banks, you will have to pay ₹19 on cash withdrawal and ₹7 on balance inquiry. This increase has been made on the request of white label ATM operators, which may have a greater impact on small bank customers.





13. Who hosted the Prachand Prahar military exercise held in Arunachal Pradesh in March 2025?

A - Indian Air Force

B - Eastern Command of Indian Army

C - Ministry of Home Affairs

D - Ministry of Defence

The joint military exercise "Prachand Prahar" of the three armies concluded on the northern border in Arunachal Pradesh on 25-27 March 2025. Its aim was to test coordinated combat capability in high altitude mountainous areas. The Army, Air Force and Navy jointly adopted surveillance, target identification and destruction strategies.



14. Recently India has developed its first indigenous magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine, it will be installed in which institute?

A - AIIMS New Delhi

B - SMS Jaipur

C - Apollo Hospital, Chennai

D - None of the following

India developed its first indigenous 1.5 Tesla MRI machine, a major step towards self-reliance in medical technology. It will be installed in AIIMS, New Delhi by October. It aims to reduce the cost of medical treatment by 50% and reduce dependence on imports. MRI is used in examining the brain, spine, heart, blood vessels and joints.



15. Recently, with which country has India signed an agreement for a green and digital shipping corridor?

A - China

B - Japan

C - Singapore

D - America

India and Singapore signed a letter of intent for the Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC), which aims to promote digitalization and decarbonization in the shipping sector. This agreement was reached during the Singapore Maritime Week 2025 (March 24-28). This initiative will promote technologies and digital solutions with zero or minimum greenhouse gas emissions.



16. Recently, in which state of India, more than a hundred megalithic burial sites have been found?

A - Kerala

B - Karnataka

C - Tamil Nadu

D - Maharashtra

110+ megalithic burial sites have been found in an area of 45 hectares near the Malampuzha dam in Palakkad district of Kerala. This discovery of ASI will increase the understanding of the early Iron Age society. These include structures like cist tombs, urns, stone circles and dolmens.





17. 'Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah' has become the first woman President of which country?

A - Zimbabwe

B - Kenya

C - Namibia

D - Uganda

Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah became the first woman president of Namibia on 21 March 2025. She is a senior leader of the SWAPO party and won the November 2024 election with 58% of the votes. The swearing-in ceremony took place on the country's 35th Independence Day. She has set a target of creating 5 lakh jobs in the next five years by investing in agriculture, fisheries and creative sectors.



18. Which country has announced its decision to join the New Development Bank in March - 2025 -

A - Indonesia

B - Mongolia

C - Pakistan

D - Turkey

Indonesia has become the 9th country to join the New Development Bank (NDB). This was announced by President Prabowo Subianto on 25 March 2025 during a meeting with NDB President Dilma Rousseff. Indonesia is the 10th member and the first country from South-East Asia to join the BRICS group.



19. What is the percentage increase in the monthly salary of MPs?

A - 25 %

B - 24 %

C - 10 %

D - 20 %

The Government of India has increased the salary, allowances and pension of MPs from 1 April 2023. Monthly salary has been increased from ₹1 lakh to ₹1.24 lakh (24% increase), daily allowance from ₹2000 to ₹2500 (25% increase), monthly pension from ₹25,000 to ₹31,000 (24% increase).



20. Which Indian wrestler has won the bronze medal in the Asian Wrestling Championship 2025?

A - Bajrang Punia

B - Lakshya Sen

C - Sushil Kumar

D - Sunil Kumar

Indian wrestler Sunil Kumar won the bronze medal in the 87 kg Greco-Roman category at the Asian Wrestling Championship 2025 (Amman, Jordan). He defeated Jiaxin Huang of China. He lost to the wrestler from Iran in the semi-finals. In the quarter-finals, he defeated the wrestler from Tajikistan 10-1. This medal is a matter of pride for Indian wrestling and an inspiration for young wrestlers.

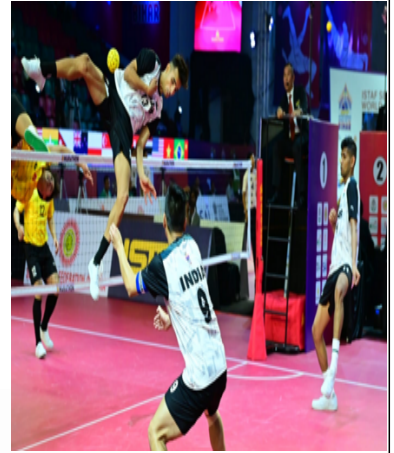




21. Where was the ISTAF Sepak Takraw World Cup 2025 organized?

- A - Rajasthan
B - Madhya Pradesh
C - Gujarat
D - Bihar

India won bronze in the mixed quad category, silver in women's doubles and bronze in the men's team event at the ISTAF Sepak Takraw World Cup 2025. The tournament took place from 20–25 March 2025 at the Patliputra Indoor Stadium, Bihar. Thailand won the gold medal in the mixed quad. India's performance was appreciated and interest in the sport of Sepak Takraw increased in the country.



22. Under which livestock insurance scheme is operated?

- A - Jal Jeevan Mission
B - Har Ghar Pashu Yojana
C - National Livestock Mission (NLM)
D - Rural Employment Scheme

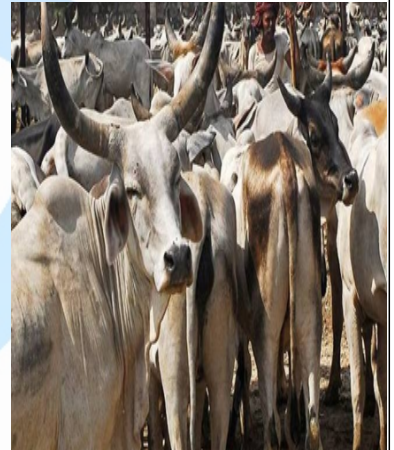
So far in the current financial year, 21.01 lakh livestock have been insured. This insurance has been done under the Livestock Insurance Scheme of National Livestock Mission (NLM). To increase the participation of farmers, their share in the premium has been reduced to 15%. The center-state share is 90:10 in hilly and northeastern states, 60:40 in other states and the entire premium will be borne by the Center in Union Territories.



23. Which livestock census is currently being conducted in India?

- A - 20th
B - 21st
C - 18th
D - 22nd

The 21st Livestock Census has started from 25 October 2024 and is likely to be completed by 31 March 2025. It is done every 5 years by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying. This time the census includes a total of 15 species including buffalo, goat, sheep, yak, mithun, camel, elephant, poultry etc.



24. Who has been appointed as the former member of NITI Aayog recently?

- A - Rajiv Gauba
B - Dr. Vinod Paul
C - Prof. Ramesh Chand
D - Amitabh Kant

Former Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba has been appointed as the full-time member of NITI Aayog. He is a 1982 batch Jharkhand cadre IAS officer and has held many important positions. He will now be a full-time member of NITI Aayog along with Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Prof. Ramesh Chand and Dr. Vinod Paul. The Vice Chairman of the Commission is Dr. Suman Beri and the CEO is BVR Subramaniam.





25. Recently, the Government of India has imposed anti-dumping duty on how many Chinese products?

A - 5

B - 6

C - 7

D - 10

The Government of India has imposed anti-dumping duty on aluminum foil, trichloro isocyanuric acid, soft ferrite core, vacuum insulated flask and PVC paste resin to protect domestic industries. This decision was taken after the recommendations of DGTR, the investigation unit of the Ministry of Commerce.



26. Where will the "Yug-Yugin Bharat National Museum" be established?

A - New Delhi

B - Lucknow

C - Jaipur

D - Bhopal

Yug-Yugin Bharat National Museum is a proposed national museum in New Delhi, which will be set up in North and South Block under the Central Vista Redevelopment Project. Its purpose is to showcase the civilization and cultural heritage of India. For its development, a technical cooperation agreement was signed between the National Museum of India and France Museums Development on 19 December 2024.



27. Where was the India-Nepal Literature Festival 2025 organized?

A - Kathmandu

B - Delhi

C - Vrindavan, Mathura

D - Jaipur

The India-Nepal Literature Cultural Festival was held from 21-23 March 2025 in Vrindavan, Mathura. It was organized by Geeta Shodh Sansthan, Rasleela Academy and Kranti Dhara Sahitya Academy, Meerut. The aim of the festival was to strengthen the literary and cultural relations between India and Nepal, in which more than 180 litterateurs, writers and journalists participated.



28. Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government announced to build a dolphin safari in which city?

A - Agra

B - Varanasi

C - Mathura

D - Barabanki

The Uttar Pradesh government announced to build a dolphin safari in Varanasi, which is proposed between Kaithi to Dhakwa village, where the number of dolphins in the Ganges river is high. 'Dolphin Mitras' have been appointed for dolphin conservation. The Ganges River Dolphin (Platanista gangetica) is found in India, Nepal and Bangladesh and is listed as an endangered species in the IUCN Red List.





29. Where was the Kabaddi World Cup - 2025 organized?

A - England

B - Germany

C - India

D - Japan

India won the titles of the Men's and Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 held in Wolverhampton, England. This was the first time the tournament took place outside Asia. India was the winner and England the runner-up in both the men's and women's categories. The competition featured 10 men's and 6 women's teams.



30. Which state has recently announced to build the Ganga River Corridor?

A - Assam

B - Bihar

C - Uttar Pradesh

D - Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami announced a plan to develop corridors to promote religious tourism along the Ganges and Sharda rivers. The project will develop infrastructure, which will provide better facilities to pilgrims and preserve cultural and religious heritage.



31. When was the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) established?

A - Year - 1981

B - Year - 1984

C - Year - 1986

D - Year - 1988

The Annual General Meeting of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) was held in New Delhi on 22 March 2025, in which Shri Ashok Singh Thakur was elected President for three years. INTACH (founded: 1984) plays an important role in Indian culture and heritage conservation and is called the "Cultural Bank".



32. When was the Baanknet portal launched?

A - 3 January - 2025

B - 3 January - 2024

C - 6 April - 2023

D - 6 March - 2023

The government launched "Baanknet" and "e-Bkre" platforms to make the property auction of public sector banks transparent and effective. "e-Bkre" (2019) streamlines the process of listing and e-auction of seized assets of banks, allowing buyers to view various properties and make better choices.





33. What is the name of the first India Africa maritime naval exercise to be held in April - 2025?

A - Aikeme

B - Burundi

C - Prayas

D - Sarathi

India will co-host a maritime exercise called Aikeme in the Indian Ocean in April 2025 with Tanzania, in which 10 African countries will participate. The exercise will be held in the open sea near Dar es Salaam from April 13-18, which will include South Africa, Kenya, Eritrea, Comoros, Djibouti, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles and Mozambique besides India and Tanzania.



34. Which state government has recently announced the establishment of a "Senior Citizens Commission"

A - Karnataka

B - Kerala

C - Punjab

D - Rajasthan

Kerala has become the first state in India to establish a Senior Citizens Commission by passing the "Kerala State Senior Citizens Commission Act - 2025". This commission is the first statutory body to protect the rights and welfare of the elderly and advise in policy making. This initiative reflects the commitment of the Government of Kerala towards the protection, rehabilitation and empowerment of senior citizens.



35. Which is the 28th legislature of India to join the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)?

A - Punjab

B - Haryana

C - Tamil Nadu

D - Delhi

Delhi has become the 28th legislature of India to join the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), a major step towards making legislative processes digital and paperless. Nagaland was the first state to implement it in 2022. On 22 March 2025, Delhi Assembly signed MOU with Union Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Delhi Government.



36. Where was the sixth edition of Jal Shakti Abhiyan - Catch the Rain Campaign 2025 launched?

A - Panchkula (Haryana)

B - Agra (Uttar Pradesh)

C - Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)

D - Dhar (Madhya Pradesh)

The sixth edition of Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Catch the Rain - 2025, began on World Water Day on 22 March 2025 in Panchkula, Haryana. The campaign will focus on 148 water-stressed districts. Jal Shakti Abhiyan started in 2019 and was renamed "Catch the Rain" in 2021. It aims to promote water conservation and ensure community participation.





37. Who has been appointed as the Union Finance Secretary recently?

A - Tuhin Kanta Pandey

B - Ajay Seth

C - Akhil Arora

D - Rupī Sharma

The Government of India has appointed senior IAS officer Ajay Seth as the new Finance Secretary. He will replace Tuhin Kanta Pandey and is currently the Secretary of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. Ajay Seth is India's alternate governor on the ADB Board of Governors.



38. Recently, 'sign language' proceedings have been started in the assembly of which state?

A - Punjab

B - Rajasthan

C - Madhya Pradesh

D - Chhattisgarh

Punjab became the first state in India to broadcast assembly proceedings in sign language. This initiative was taken to make deaf persons aware of legislative discussions and government policies. Governor Gulab Chand Kataria's address at the beginning of the budget session was broadcast in sign language.



39. When was the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council established?

A - Year - 2010

B - Year - 2011

C - Year - 2012

D - Year - 2014

The Government of India launched the "Biosaarathi" initiative on 21 March 2025, which was launched by Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh. It is a six-month program started on the 13th Foundation Day of BIRAC, which will promote mentor-mentee engagement, innovation and industry-academia collaboration.



40. When was the Stockholm Water Prize started?

A - Year - 1991

B - Year - 1992

C - Year - 1993

D - Year - 1996

Renowned hydrologist Gunter Blöschl has been awarded the 2025 Stockholm Water Prize. He is a professor at the Vienna University of Technology and his research has enhanced the understanding of flood risk assessment and the effects of climate change. The Stockholm Water Prize is given for outstanding achievements in hydrology, management and conservation.



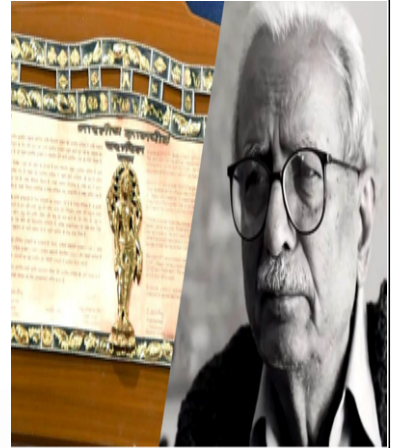


41. Who is the author who recently received the Jnanpith Award in Hindi language?

- A - Kedarnath Singh
C - Kunwar Narayan

- B - Amarkant
D - Vinod Kumar Shukla

Eminent Hindi poet and writer Vinod Kumar Shukla received the 59th Jnanpith Award for 2024. He is the first person from Chhattisgarh and the 12th person from Hindi literature to receive this honour. 88-year-old Shukla was born in Rajnandgaon and his major works are Naukar Ki Kameez, Deewar Mein Ek Khidki Rehti Thi and Khilega To Dekhenge Hain.

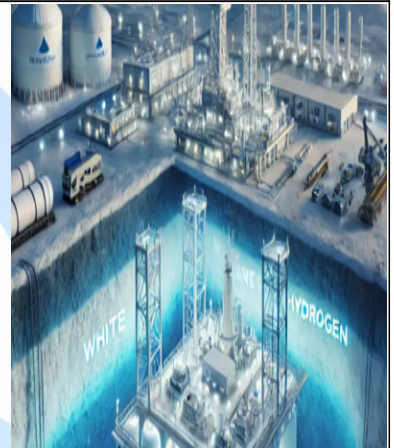


42. Where was the world's largest hydrogen reserve discovered?

- A - France
C - Guatemala

- B - Germany
D - South Sud

The world's largest natural hydrogen reserve was found beneath Folswiller in the Moselle region of France, containing 46 million tonnes of white hydrogen, estimated to be worth \$92 trillion. The reserve was found at a depth of 1250 metres and was discovered by scientists from the Georesources Laboratory and CNRS.



43. With which country has India recently signed a Cultural Property Agreement (CPA)?

- A - Japan
C - Germany

- B - United States of America
D - England

India and the US signed a Cultural Property Agreement (CPA) to prevent smuggling of Indian antiquities. This preventive agreement is without time limit and prohibits the import of cultural materials from 1.7 million years ago to 1947 into the US. So far 588 antiquities have been returned from the US, of which 297 were found in the year 2024.



44. Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden is located on the banks of which lake?

- A - Dal Lake
C - Manasbal Lake

- B - Sambhar Lake
D - Wular Lake

Asia's largest Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden will open to the public in Kashmir on March 26, inaugurated by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. 17 lakh tulips have been planted this year in 55 hectares spread between Dal Lake and Zabarwan hills, making a total of 74 varieties available.





45. India's merchandise trade deficit was how many billion dollars in February 2025?

- A - \$11 billion
B - \$12.6 billion
C - \$18.7 billion
D - \$14.05 billion

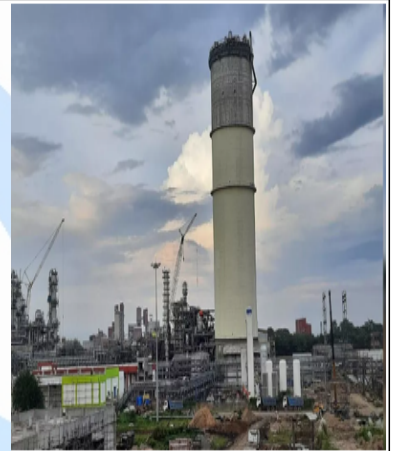
India's goods trade deficit narrowed to a 42-month low of \$14.05 billion in February 2025, driven by a drop in gold, silver and crude oil imports. Imports fell 16.3% to \$50.9 billion, while exports stood at \$36.9 billion. Services exports rose to \$35.3 billion, but total exports declined 10.84%.



46. Where will the Namrup-IV Ammonia-Urea Complex be set up?

- A - Rajasthan
B - Madhya Pradesh
C - Assam
D - Bihar

The central government approved the Namrup-IV Ammonia-Urea Complex in Assam at a cost of ₹10,601.40 crore, with an annual production capacity of 12.7 lakh metric tonnes. It will meet the urea demand of Northeast India and neighbouring states, generate employment and promote regional development.



47. UPI transactions up to what value are included for small merchants under the incentive scheme to promote low-value BHIM-UPI transactions?

- A - ₹ 1500
B - ₹ 2000
C - ₹ 2500
D - ₹ 5000

The Union Cabinet approved an incentive scheme of ₹ 1500 crore for 2024-25 to promote BHIM-UPI (P2M) transactions of small merchants up to ₹ 2000. Merchants will get 0.15% incentive, and 80% of the amount will be distributed to acquiring banks immediately and 20% on technical parameters.



48. How much budget has been allocated for the implementation of Revised National Gokul Mission (RGM)?

- A - ₹3400 crore
B - ₹3500 crore
C - ₹2400 crore
D - ₹1100 crore

Revised National Gokul Mission (RGM) will boost the livestock sector with a budget of ₹3400 crore by 2021-26. 30 rearing centres for 15,000 female calves will be set up, implementing agencies will get 35% capital assistance, and farmers will get 3% interest subsidy on loans for purchasing HGM female calves.





49. Social media platform X (formerly Twitter) has challenged Section 79(3)(b) of the IT Act, 2000 against the Government of India in which court?

A - Supreme Court

B - Delhi High Court

C - Karnataka High Court

D - Bombay High Court

Social media platform X (formerly Twitter) has challenged Section 79(3)(b) of the IT Act, 2000 against the Central Government in the Karnataka High Court. The company alleges that this section promotes illegal censorship and is violating the procedures of Section 69A. X also called the Home Ministry's "Sahyog" portal a censorship portal.



50. Anuj Kumar Singh has been appointed to which post in UPSC?

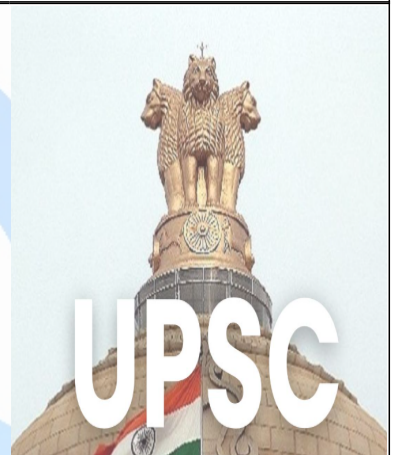
A - Assistant Secretary

B - Joint Secretary (Director level)

C - Chief Secretary

D - Member Secretary

Anuj Kumar Singh (IRSEE, 2009) has been appointed Joint Secretary (Director level) in UPSC, Delhi. This will be effective for five years or until further orders under the Central Staffing Scheme. Singh, selected on the recommendation of the Ministry of Railways, will strengthen the efficiency and strategy of UPSC with his technical and administrative experience.



51. Which award will be conferred on Ram Sutar?

A - Bharat Ratna

B - Maharashtra Bhushan Award

C - Padma Vibhushan

D - Kaladevi Award

Senior sculptor Ram Sutar will be conferred with Maharashtra Bhushan Award, the highest civilian honour of the Maharashtra government. This was announced by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in the Assembly. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 25 lakh and a memento. Ram Sutar is famous as the creator of the Statue of Unity and has been awarded the Padma Bhushan.



52. On which date the World Health Organization (WHO) observes World Tuberculosis (TB) Day every year?

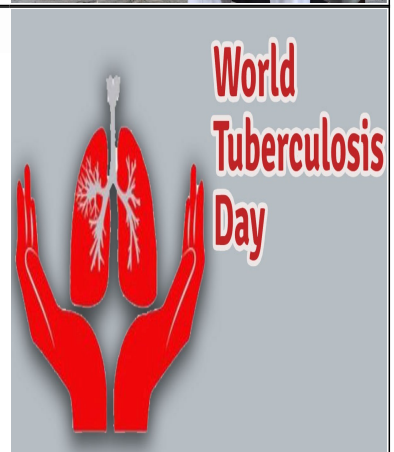
A - 22 March

B - 24 March

C - 26 March

D - 28 March

The World Health Organization (WHO) observes World Tuberculosis (TB) Day every year on March 24 to raise awareness about its health, social and economic impacts. The day marks the anniversary of the discovery of the bacterium that causes TB by Dr. Robert Koch in 1882. TB is one of the world's deadliest infectious diseases, causing 1.25 million deaths and 10.8 million infections in 2023.





53. Who are the authors of the book 'March of Glory'?

A - Dilip Tirkey and Zafar Iqbal

B - Harbinder Singh and Ashok Kumar

C - K. Arumugam and Errol D'Cruz

D - Vinita Kumar and H.J.S. Chimni

The book 'March of Glory' was released on 18 March 2025 at Shivaji Stadium in New Delhi, authored by hockey historian K. Arumugam and journalist Errol D'Cruz. It is dedicated to the golden jubilee of India's 1975 Hockey World Cup win and includes details of the historic victory, key matches, quotes from players and rare photographs.



54. Who became the first team after the host countries to qualify for the 2026 FIFA World Cup?

A - South Korea

B - Japan

C - Australia

D - Iran

Japan qualified for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, becoming the first team to do so after the host nations. A 2-0 win against Bahrain at Saitama Stadium on 20 March 2025 secured Japan's eighth consecutive World Cup berth. Daichi Kamada and Takefusa Kubo scored the goals. Coach Hajime Moriyasu vowed to improve the team. Australia beat Indonesia 5-1 to boost their chances of qualification, while South Korea and Oman drew 1-1.



55. Vijay Shankar was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Dannebrog by the King of which country?

A - Sweden

B - Norway

C - Denmark

D - Finland

Vijay Shankar, Honorary Consul General of Denmark in South India and Chairman of Sanmar Group, was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Dannebrog by the King of Denmark. He received this honor for outstanding consular services and contribution to strengthening India-Denmark relations. The award was presented by Danish Ambassador Rasmus Abildgaard Christensen in Chennai on 18 March 2025.



56. What is the theme of World Meteorological Day 2025?

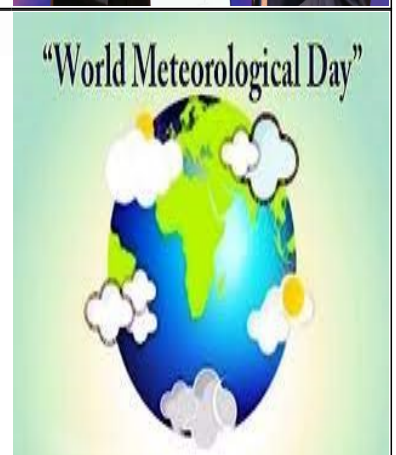
A - Climate change and adaptation

B - Bridging the early warning gap together

C - New technologies in meteorology

D - Sustainable development and environmental protection

World Meteorological Day will be celebrated on 23 March 2025, which marks the 75th anniversary of WMO. This year's theme is "Bridging the early warning gap together", which emphasizes the role of early warning systems in mitigating the impact of extreme weather events and climate change. WMO was established in 1950 and the first World Meteorological Day was celebrated in 1961.





57. Recently, which state government has brought the Control and Regulation Bill to regulate coaching institutes?

A - Rajasthan

B - Uttar Pradesh

C - Delhi

D - Tamil Nadu

"Rajasthan Coaching Center (Control and Regulation) Bill - 2025" was presented in the Rajasthan Assembly, which aims to prevent suicides of students and control the commercialization of coaching institutes. There will be mandatory registration for all coaching centers with 50+ students.



58. Recently, the police of which state/union territory has launched 'Shisthachar' squad?

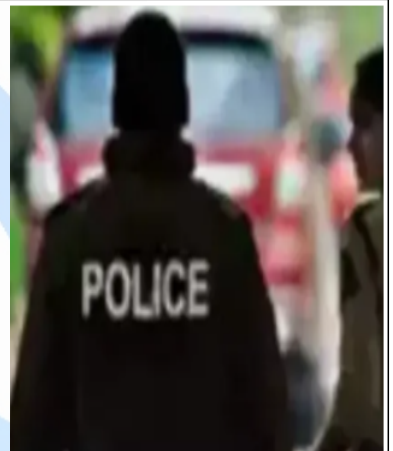
A - Jammu and Kashmir

B - Uttar Pradesh

C - Delhi

D - Madhya Pradesh

Delhi Police launched "Shisthachar" squads in all districts to enhance public safety of women and prevent eve-teasing. These squads will work under the leadership of ACP of Crime Against Women (CAW) Cell and will patrol sensitive areas, check public transport and do surveillance in plain clothes.



59. SEBI has recently reduced the minimum investment limit in Social Stock Exchange (SSE) to how much?

A - 1000 ₹

B - 10000 ₹

C - 1100 ₹

D - 11000 ₹

SEBI has reduced the minimum investment amount in Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) instruments listed on the Social Stock Exchange (SSE) from ₹10,000 to ₹1,000. This decision was taken to increase the participation of small investors and ensure more funding to non-profit organizations (NPOs).



60. When was Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) established?

A - 19 July 1986

B - 25 August, 1984

C - 6 January, 1983

D - 9 February, 1981

Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) launched "SAMARTHA" incubation programme to promote innovation in telecom and IT sectors. It will provide research, development and grants up to Rs 5 lakh, lab facilities and expert guidance to startups. The programme focuses on cyber security, 5G/6G, AI, Internet of Things and quantum technology.





61. Who has recently become the President of the International Olympic Committee?

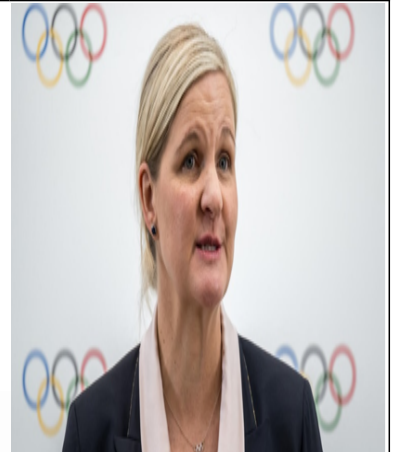
A - Kirsty Coventry

B - Natasha Sovich

C - Alice Perry

D - Jhulan Goswami

Zimbabwe's famous swimmer Kirsty Coventry became the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), earning the distinction of becoming the first woman and first African president in 130 years. She received 49 votes, while Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr. got 28 and Sebastian Coe got 8 votes.



62. Which Indian actor was recently given the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the British Government?

A - Chiranjeevi

B - Nana Patekar

C - Amitabh Bachchan

D - Pankaj Tripathi

Telugu cinema superstar Chiranjeevi was honoured with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his contribution to Indian cinema, cultural influence and public service. The honour was presented by London-based think tank Bridge India at a ceremony held at the House of Commons of the UK Parliament.



63. India Innovation Summit - Leading Solutions for TB Elimination was organized?

A - Indore

B - Bhopal

C - Lucknow

D - New Delhi

India Innovation Summit - Leading Solutions for TB Elimination was held on 18-19 March 2025 in New Delhi, inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Health Anupriya Patel. It was jointly organized by the Department of Health Research, ICMR and Central TB Division. It aims to accelerate the progress of TB elimination by 2025.



64. Who has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador of VISION-2020 India campaign -

A - Krishnamachari Srikkanth

B - Kapil Dev

C - Amitabh Bachchan

D - Niranjan Arya

Former Indian cricket captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador of VISION 2020 India, which aims to eliminate preventable blindness in India. A special event was organized for this announcement at Shankar Netralaya in Chennai.





65. Who presented awards to the winners of the 19th Ramnath Goenka Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2025?

A - President Draupadi Murmu

B - Prime Minister Narendra Modi

C - Home Minister Amit Shah

D - Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

Mridulika Jha of Aaj Tak received the 2025 Ramnath Goenka Award for reporting on illegal entry of Haryana youth into the US through the "Dunky Route". The award was instituted in 2005 by the Indian Express Group and is given for excellence in digital, print and broadcast journalism. President Draupadi Murmu presented the winners with a citation, trophy and a cash prize of ₹1 lakh.



66. What is India's ranking globally in the "Free Speech Index"?

A - 23rd

B - 24th

C - 25th

D - 29th

India ranked 24th out of 33 countries in a global survey by US think tank 'The Future of Free Speech', with a Free Speech Index score of 62.6. The survey was conducted in October 2024 and the report was published under the title "Who in the World Supports Free Speech". Norway (87.1) and Denmark (87.0) topped the list, while India was found to have high public support but weak legal protection.



67. When is World Poetry Day celebrated?

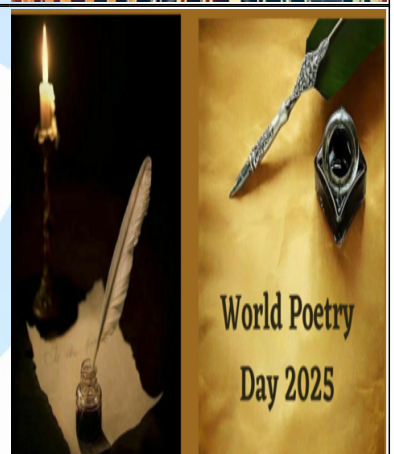
A - 21 March

B - 29 March

C - 23 March

D - 25 March

World Poetry Day is celebrated every year on 21 March to honour the importance of poetry. It aims to encourage new writers, promote poetry writing, reading and publishing, and support small publishers. On this day, government institutions, teachers and poets organize various events.



68. WaveX - 2025 has been launched by which ministry?

A - Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

B - Ministry of Home Affairs

C - Ministry of Finance

D - Ministry of Panchayati Raj

The Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting launched WaveX 2025, an initiative to provide financial support and national recognition to media and entertainment startups. The event will be held from 1-4 May 2025 at Jio World Convention Center, Mumbai in collaboration with IAMAI.





69. Recently, in which district has the Uttar Pradesh government started a campaign to build model villages?

- A - Agra district
B - Firozabad district
C - Mathura district
D - Ayodhya district

A campaign to make 1,147 villages of Ayodhya district into model villages started, which started from Mahan Mau village of Tarun block. The scheme covers 772 gram panchayats and focuses on improving connectivity, sanitation, waste management and infrastructure of villages.



70. Where was the workshop of the QUAD group organized recently?

- A - Bangalore
B - Bhubaneswar
C - New Delhi
D - Jaipur

The Quad workshop was held in New Delhi from 17-19 March, in which representatives from India, the US, Japan, Australia and 15 other countries participated. Its aim was to strengthen pandemic preparedness, ensure coordinated response and implement the concept of "One Health".



71. Who was recently awarded the Holvar Prize?

- A - Mahasweta Devi
B - Gayatri Chakravarty Spivak
C - Priyanka Chaturvedi
D - Swati Maliwal

Gayatri Spivak has been awarded the 2025 Holberg Prize for her influential work on critiquing structures of power and knowledge, eradicating illiteracy, and postcolonial studies, feminism and colonialism. Established by the Norwegian government, this award is considered equivalent to the Nobel in the academic field and carries an amount of \$5,40,000.



72. India's first PPP based green waste processing plant has been set up in which city?

- A - Indore
B - Jaipur
C - Lucknow
D - Bangalore

The country's first PPP based green waste processing plant has been set up in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, which aims to convert green waste into valuable resources. This project has started in collaboration with Indore Municipal Corporation and Astronomical Industries Limited. Eco-friendly fuel, sustainable packaging and organic fertilizers will be made from green waste in the plant.





73. When is World Sparrow Day celebrated?

A - 15 March

B - 16 March

C - 19 March

D - 20 March

World Sparrow Day is celebrated every year on 20 March, the theme for 2025 is - "Preserving the chirping of our little feathered friends". It was started by the organization "Nature Forever" in 2010. The number of sparrows has decreased due to urbanisation, pesticides and lack of greenery. For conservation, a "Save Sparrow" campaign was launched, which was supported by PM Modi.



74. 'Varuna' naval exercise is held between the armies of which two countries?

A - India and Nepal

B - India and France

C - India and Australia

D - India and USA

The 23rd edition of the bilateral naval exercise 'Varuna' between India and France will be held from 19-22 March 2025. This annual exercise began in 2001 and strengthens naval cooperation. Varuna 2025 will include INS Vikrant, Charles de Gaulle, MiG-29K, Rafale-M, destroyer ships and Scorpene-class submarines.



75. Recently, which actor has been named as "Fit India Icon" by the Union Sports Minister?

A - Salman Khan

B - Vicky Kaushal

C - Ayushmann Khurrana

D - Rajkumar Rao

Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana has been officially named "Fit India Icon". Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya announced this in New Delhi. He joined the Fit India Movement launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2019, which aims to inspire citizens to adopt a healthy lifestyle. Ayushmann Khurrana will play an important role in making the youth aware of fitness.



76. NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams have returned to Earth, from which SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule did this landing take place?

A - Freedom

B - Force

C - Williams

D - Wilmore

NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams returned safely to Earth on March 18 (March 19 Indian time) after spending 9 months in space. Due to technical problems with the Boeing Starliner CFT mission, the mission extended from 10 days to 9 months. They landed in the Gulf of Mexico near Florida on SpaceX Crew Dragon "Freedom".





77. Where is the Kabaddi World Cup - 2025 being held?

- A - Pakistan
B - Saudi Arabia
C - New Zealand
D - England

The Kabaddi World Cup 2025 is being held in England from March 17, which is the first time it has been held outside Asia. The Indian men's team played the first match against Italy in Wolverhampton. The tournament will run for 7 days, with 60+ matches. The round robin format has been adopted in both men's and women's categories.



78. In which year was the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) established?

- A - 1956
B - 1959
C - 1967
D - 1969

The 14th meeting of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Conference and Counter-Terrorism EWG will be held on 19-20 March 2025 in New Delhi, which will be co-chaired by India and Malaysia. This is the first time that India will co-chair the group. It will include representatives of 10 ASEAN members, 8 partner countries and the ASEAN Secretariat.



79. 'Ramakant Rath' was mainly a writer of which language?

- A - Hindi
B - English
C - Oriya
D - Tamil

Famous Oriya writer Ramakant Rath passed away recently. He was born in December 1934 in Cuttack, Odisha. He received many prestigious awards including Sarala Puraskar, Sahitya Akademi Award, Saraswati Samman and Padma Bhushan (2006). Odia literature is an important part of the Indian literary tradition, which has its roots in ancient texts, folklore and Bhakti movement.



80. Who has recently become the new Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago?

- A - Stuart Young
B - Mark Carney
C - Justin Trudeau
D - Wychmore

Stuart Young will take oath as the new Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago today at the President's House in St. Anne's. He will replace outgoing Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley. Currently he is the Energy Minister. Trinidad and Tobago is an island country in the West Indies, whose capital is Port of Spain. It became independent from the UK in 1962 and became a republic in 1976.





81. PM Yuva 3.0 scheme was launched by which ministry?

A - Ministry of Education

B - Ministry of Home Affairs

C - Ministry of Sports

D - Ministry of Finance

The Higher Education Department of the Ministry of Education launched the PM Yuva 3.0 scheme to encourage young writers. Its objective is to train emerging writers under the age of 30 and promote the culture of reading and writing. Under the scheme, writers will get guidance from experts and will be inspired to write on India's past, present and future.



82. Which team won the third Women's Premier League Cricket Tournament 2025?

A - Mumbai Indians

B - Delhi Capitals

C - Royal Challengers Bangalore

D - UP Warriors

Mumbai Indians won the second title by defeating Delhi Capitals by eight runs in the final of WPL 2025 played at Brabourne Stadium on 15 March 2025. Mumbai scored 149 runs for 7 wickets in 20 overs, in which Harmanpreet Kaur scored 66 runs. Nat Cyber Brunt and Harmanpreet shared a partnership of 89 runs. Delhi Capitals could only score 141 runs for 9 wickets.



83. Recently, which state of India has imposed a fee on tourists visiting the state?

A - Manipur

B - Meghalaya

C - Tripura

D - Sikkim

The Sikkim government imposed a fee of Rs 50 on tourists entering the state from March 15, 2025, which will be valid for 30 days. Children below five years of age and officials coming on government duty are exempted. This fee will be collected by hotels and deposited in the state tourism account every week.



84. Who recently launched the mobile app of PM Internship Scheme to provide employment to the youth?

A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi

B - Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

C - External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar

D - Home Minister Amit Shah

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched a dedicated mobile app for the Pradhan Mantri Internship Scheme (PMIS) in New Delhi, which facilitates registration, application and real-time updates. The app will help bridge the gap between academia and industry by making the internship process simple and effective.





85. Who was recently awarded the Digital Transformation Award 2025?

A - Ministry of Finance

B - IBFC

C - NABARD

D - RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was awarded the Central Banking Digital Transformation Award 2025, recognizing the success of its two major digital initiatives "Saarathi" and "Pravah". "Saarathi" (January 2023) digitized RBI's internal workflow, while "Pravah" (May 2024) provided external users with a digital means of submitting regulatory applications.



86. When did the Fit India Movement start?

A - 29 August 2019

B - 6 July 2019

C - 9 March 2018

D - 10 June 2020

The Fit India Carnival is being organized from 16-18 March 2025 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi, with the aim of inspiring citizens to adopt a healthy and active lifestyle. This is happening under the Fit India Movement, which was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 29 August 2019.



87. When was the 'PM Surya Ghar - Free Electricity Scheme' launched?

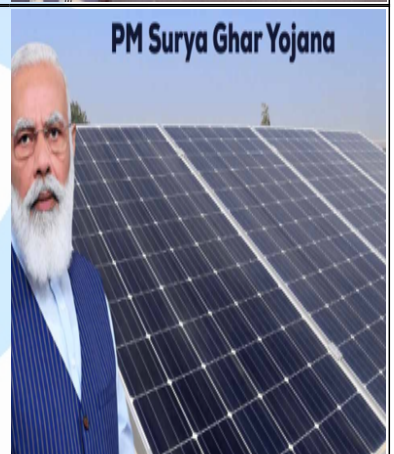
A - 1 March 2024

B - 6 January 2023

C - 13 February 2024

D - 2 October 2024

PM Suryaghar Yojana achieved a historic milestone as the world's largest domestic solar initiative by installing solar power systems in 10 lakh homes by 10 March 2025. Out of 47.3 lakh applications, 6.13 lakh beneficiaries were given subsidy of Rs 4770 crore, and out of 3.10 lakh loan applications, 1.58 lakh were approved.



88. Who inaugurated the Raisina Dialogue 2025?

A - Donald Trump

B - Christopher Luxon

C - Narendra Modi

D - Vladimir Putin

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the tenth edition of the Raisina Dialogue held in Delhi from 17-20 March 2025. New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon is the keynote speaker at the conference organized by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Observer Research Foundation.





89. What is Moody's estimate of India's GDP growth rate for the financial year 2025-26?

A - 6.5 %

B - 6.9 %

C - 9.6 %

D - 7.3 %

Moody's has projected India's economic growth to be over 6.5% in FY 2025-26, up from the 6.3% estimate for FY 2024-25. This growth will be driven by capital expenditure, tax cuts and possible interest rate cuts. Inflation is expected to fall to 4.5%, and the RBI policy rate may be 6.25% in February 2025.



90. Who has recently released the framework of the Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO) for Account Aggregators?

A - Ministry of Finance

B - Ministry of Defence

C - Department of Technology and Information Technology

D - RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the framework of the Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO) for the Account Aggregator (AA) ecosystem, which will facilitate the process of sharing financial data. It aims to promote coordination, standardization and dispute resolution.



91. Where will the ADMM Plus Expert Working Group meeting on counter-terrorism be held?

A - Philippines

B - Vietnam

C - New Delhi

D - Australia

The 14th meeting of the Expert Working Group (EWG) of the ASEAN Defense Ministers' Conference Plus (ADMM-Plus) will be held in New Delhi on 19-20 March 2025, which will be co-chaired by India and Malaysia. This is the first time that India will co-chair this group. Representatives from 10 ASEAN countries, eight dialogue partners, Timor-Leste and the ASEAN Secretariat will participate in the meeting.



92. Recently, which department of the government has announced the "5G Innovation Hackathon - 2025"?

A - Department of Telecommunications

B - Department of Women and Child Development

C - Department of Heavy Industries

D - Department of Civil Aviation

The Department of Telecommunications (DOT) announced the 5G Innovation Hackathon 2025, which will run for 6 months. Its aim is to develop solutions to social and industrial problems with 5G technology.





93. What is the objective of APAAR (Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry)?

A - One Nation One Student ID

B - Providing employment to students

C - Startup related facility

D - Playing a social role

The Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) ID was introduced under the National Education Policy 2020 to standardize student records and ensure smooth transition between academic levels. It provides a 12-digit unique ID under the "One Nation, One Student ID" system and is linked to DigiLocker and Academic Bank of Credit.



94. Who won the 15th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship - 2025?

A - Hockey Haryana

B - Hockey Tamil Nadu

C - Hockey Rajasthan

D - Hockey Jharkhand

Hockey Jharkhand won the 15th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship 2025, defeating Haryana 4-3 in a penalty shootout in the final. The match took place on 12 March 2025 in Panchkula and was tied 1-1 at the end of regulation time. This is Jharkhand's first senior women's title. Mizoram defeated Maharashtra to finish third.



95. Recently, Google has launched a new series of which of its open AI models?

A - Gemma 2

B - KUSHA 1

C - Gemma 3

D - Nitya 1G

Google recently launched "Gemma 3", which is part of its lightweight and advanced open AI model series. It is designed to work efficiently on smartphones, laptops and other computing devices. Based on Gemini 2.0 technology, this model works smoothly on GPU and TPU with low latency. It is capable of multi-modal input processing but gives output only in text.



96. Recently, with which country has India started negotiations for a free trade agreement (FTA)?

A - New Zealand

B - Australia

C - Canada

D - America

India and New Zealand started formal negotiations for a comprehensive free trade agreement (FTA), which will strengthen bilateral trade and economic cooperation. This was announced by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and New Zealand Trade Minister Todd McLay in New Delhi on 16 March 2025.





97. Recently, which missile did India successfully test from LCA Tejas AF MK-1 prototype?

A - Astra BVRAAM

B - Nirvana BVRAAM

C - Suraksha BVRAAM

D - None of the following

The Indian Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) successfully test fired the indigenous Astra BVRAAM missile from Tejas LCA MK1 prototype off Chandipur coast of Odisha. Developed by DRDO, the missile has a range of over 100 km. The test proved its accuracy and capabilities, which will strengthen India's air defence system.



98. When was the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) passed?

A - 1967

B - 1968

C - 1969

D - 1970

The Government of India has declared "Jammu and Kashmir Ittehadul Muslimeen" (JKIM) and "Awami Action Committee" (AAC) as unlawful organizations for 5 years under Section 3(1) of UAPA 1967. They are accused of separatism, supporting terrorism and inciting public unrest. Under the UAPA Amendment 2019, the government can declare an organization or person as a terrorist.



99. When was the Soil Health Card Scheme launched?

A - Year - 2014

B - Year - 2016

C - Year - 2015

D - Year - 2017

Soil and Land Use Survey of India (SLUSI) is preparing digital soil fertility maps using geospatial techniques using Soil Health Card (SHC) data. Such maps have been prepared for 351 villages in 34 districts of Maharashtra, which give detailed information about the nutrient composition and health of the soil. This helps farmers in balanced fertilizer use.



100. When is the International Day of Action for Rivers observed?

A - 14 March

B - 15 March

C - 16 March

D - 14 March

Every year on 14 March, the International Day of Action for River Conservation is observed to raise awareness on the impacts of river degradation, climate change, dam construction and pollution. It was initiated in 1997 at an international conference in Curitiba, Brazil. This year marks its 28th anniversary and is being coordinated by the International Rivers Organisation.





101. Which edition of "Aahaar-2025" was displayed recently?

A - 36th edition

B - 35th edition

C - 37th edition

D - 39th edition

APEDA showcased excellence in India's agricultural processed food products at the 39th edition of Aahaar 2025 held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The exhibition aimed to bring Indian food processing industries to the global platform, increase exports and encourage food security and innovation.



102. Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has announced to build a memorial of which freedom fighter in Ballia?

A - Bhagat Singh

B - Chintu Pandey

C - Sukhdev

D - Raj Guru

The Uttar Pradesh government has announced to build a memorial in Ballia in honor of freedom fighter Chintu Pandey. He was called the "Sher of Ballia" and played an important role in the Quit India Movement of 1942. Ballia was declared independent under his leadership on 19 August 1942, and he became the interim administrator. He was born on 10 May 1865 in Ballia and died in 1946.



103. Which state recently launched the "Chief Minister Kanya Atmanirbhar Yojana"?

A - Tripura

B - Chhattisgarh

C - Uttarakhand

D - Meghalaya

The Tripura government has launched the "Chief Minister Balika Samridhi Yojana" and "Chief Minister Kanya Atmanirbhar Yojana". Under the first scheme, a bond of Rs 50,000 will be deposited in the name of girl children of BPL families, which can increase to Rs 10 lakh on attaining the age of 18 years.



104. In which ocean is Mauritius located?

A - Arabian Sea

B - Indian Ocean

C - Atlantic Ocean

D - Pacific Ocean

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Port Louis on a two-day Mauritius tour and attended the National Day celebrations there as the chief guest. He described Mauritius as the bridge of the Global South and emphasized on strengthening the economic and strategic partnership of the two countries.





105. Recently, a nationwide campaign has been launched by whom to increase financial literacy in India?

A - Ministry of Finance

B - SBI

C - RBI and NCFE

D - None of the following

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) launched a nationwide financial literacy campaign under the National Financial Education Strategy (NSFE). It aims to empower citizens, especially youth (below 18 years) and senior citizens (above 60 years), with financial knowledge and skills.



106. Who won the title of the Open Section of the FIDE 2025 World Junior Chess Championship?

A - Grandmaster Pranav Venkatesh

B - Grandmaster Shifuji

C - Vishwanath Anand

D - Rakesh Roat

Grand Master (GM) Pranav Venkatesh became the 7th Indian to win the 2025 World Junior Chess Championship. He won the title by drawing the final match against Matic Lavrencic of Slovenia. The women's title was won by Anna Shukhman of Russia.



107. How many countries were ranked in the 7th World Air Quality Report 2024?

A - 126

B - 138

C - 140

D - 142

IQAir's 7th annual World Air Quality Report 2024 ranks India as the 5th most polluted country in the world. Of the 20 most polluted cities in the world, 13 are from India, and Burniahahar in Meghalaya has been declared the most polluted city in the world. According to the report, New Delhi emerged as the world's most polluted capital with a PM2.5 level of 91.8 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.



108. From when to when was 'National Safety Week' celebrated?

A - From March 4 to March 10

B - From March 1 to March 6

C - From March 3 to March 9

D - From March 5 to March 11

The 54th National Safety Week will be celebrated in India from March 4 to March 10, 2025, which aims to increase safety awareness at workplaces and prevent accidents. The campaign is led by the National Safety Council (NSC) India, which was established on 4 March 1966 as a non-profit organization.





109. Which state government has recently announced the launch of its own?

- A - Jammu and Kashmir
C - Bihar

- B - Chhattisgarh
D - Assam

The Assam government has announced plans to launch its first satellite called ASSAMSAT, making it the first state in India to take this step. This satellite will assist in agriculture, disaster management, infrastructure development and border security. It will be developed in collaboration with IN-SPACE and ISRO, and its estimated cost will be Rs 450 to 500 crore.



110. On which route will India's first hydrogen train run?

- A - Jaipur-Delhi
C - Jind - Sonipat

- B - Patna - Kolkata
D - Lucknow-Varanasi

India's first hydrogen train is expected to be ready by March 31, 2025. It is being manufactured by Chennai-based Integral Coach Factory (ICF). The train will be operated on Jind-Sonipat section (89 km) in Delhi division of Northern Railway. This eco-friendly train using hydrogen fuel cell will ensure zero carbon emissions, thereby reducing carbon emissions and noise pollution.

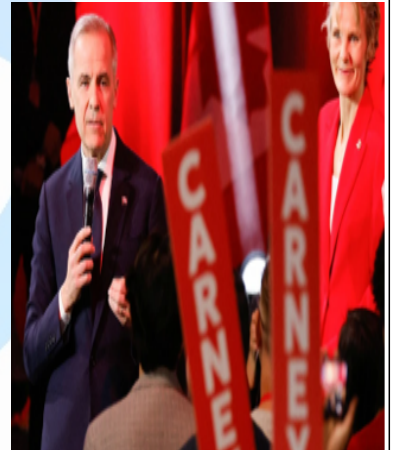


111. Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Canada recently?

- A - Justin Trudeau
C - Karin Keller

- B - Mark Carney
D - Varvadro Jersey

Mark Carney is going to become the 24th Prime Minister of Canada, who has won a landslide victory for the leadership of the Liberal Party. He will replace the current Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who announced his resignation in January 2025. Carney has won with 85.9% of the votes.



112. Which state/union territory has recently approved the "Mahila Samridhi Yojana"?

- A - Delhi
C - Jammu and Kashmir

- B - Tamil Nadu
D - Gujarat

The Delhi government has approved the Mahila Samridhi Yojana to empower women economically. Under this, eligible women will get financial assistance of Rs 2500 per month. A budget of Rs 5100 crore has been allocated for the scheme and it is estimated that about 17 lakh women will benefit from it.





113. Recently, India has signed an agreement with Russia for which battle tank?

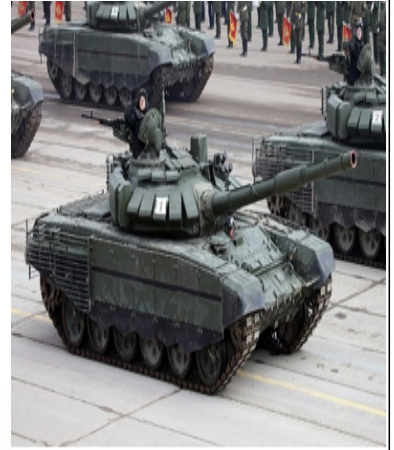
A - T-73

B - T-72

C - T-74

D - T-75

India signed a \$248 million deal with Russia's Rosoboronexport to buy 1000 HP engines for the Indian Army's T-72 tanks. This includes technology transfer, which will enable Armored Vehicles Corporation Limited (AVNL) to locally produce these engines. This upgrade will increase the combat capability and mobility of the army.



114. Which bank has recently launched a collateral-free digital SME loan for women entrepreneurs?

A - HDFC

B - SBI

C - ICICI

D - IDBI

On International Women's Day 2025, SBI launched 'SBI Asmita', a collateral-free digital SME loan for women entrepreneurs, which is completely digital and hassle-free. This loan is based on automated data verification and API ecosystem. Top women entrepreneurs will also get entrepreneurship training.



115. Who inaugurated GRIDCON-2025?

A - Manohar Lal Khattar

B - Piyush Goyal

C - Anurag Thakur

D - Amit Shah

Union Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated 'GRIDCON 2025' at IICC, Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, Delhi on 9 March 2025. This international conference was attended by representatives from 30 countries, 2000 conference participants, 150 technical papers and 150 exhibiting companies. Its theme was "Innovations in Grid Resilience", in which renewable energy, smart meter management and digital transformation were discussed.



116. Siddhant Banthia who was in news recently is related to which sport?

A - Cricket

B - Men's Football

C - Men's Volleyball

D - Men's Tennis

The 2025 Rwanda Challenger tennis event was held in Kigali, Rwanda from March 3-9. It was an ATP 100 Challenger event with a prize money of \$160,000. The singles and doubles winners received 100-100 ATP points. Siddhant Banthia and Alexander Donsky won the doubles title, defeating the pair of France's Jephy Blackenaux and Czech Republic's Zdenek Kolar 6-4, 5-7, 10-8 in the final.





117. How many women were honored for their efforts in wetland conservation in the annual Women Changemakers in the World of Wetlands released by the Ramsar Secretariat?

A - 10

B - 11

C - 14

D - 12

Dr. Jayashree Venkatesan became the first Indian to win the prestigious Ramsar Award in the "Wise Use of Wetlands" category. The Switzerland-based Ramsar Secretariat on 7 March 2025 named her among the "Women Changemakers of 2025". The honour is given to empower the role of women in wetland conservation.



118. Exercise Khanjar is a joint military exercise between which two countries?

A - India and Bangladesh

B - India and Nepal

C - India and Kyrgyzstan

D - India and America

Exercise Khanjar-XII is a joint military exercise between India and Kyrgyzstan to be held in Kyrgyzstan from 10-23 March 2025. India's Para Regiment (Special Forces) and the Kyrgyz Swarpin Brigade are participating in it. Its aim is to develop joint strategies and enhance mutual cooperation to combat terrorism and extremism.



119. Who was recently awarded the "EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2024 India" award?

A - Shekhar Sharma

B - Nitin Kamath

C - Praful Patel

D - Chirag Agrawal

Nitin Kamath was awarded the "EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2024 India" award. He is the CEO of Zerodha Limited and will represent India in Monte Carlo in June 2025. Other prominent winners include K. V. Kamath (Lifetime Achievement Award) and Dr. S. Somanath (Special Jury Award).



120. When was the National Nutrition (Abhiyan) Mission launched?

A - March 8, 2018

B - March 8, 2019

C - March 8, 2020

D - March 8, 2020

Poshan Abhiyaan completed seven years on March 8, 2025. It started on March 8, 2018 from Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan and is run by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. It aims to improve the nutritional levels of adolescents, pregnant women, lactating mothers and children aged 0-6 years.





121. Which country tops the list of Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2025?

A - Burkina Faso

B - Pakistan

C - Syria

D - Somalia

Burkina Faso became the most affected country by terrorism in the Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2025, while Pakistan remained in second place. Terror attacks in Pakistan increased by 45%, and TTP became the fastest growing terrorist group. Syria and Mali are at third and fourth place, while India is at 14th place.



122. Which team won the final of the Champions Trophy 2025?

A - New Zealand

B - Australia

C - India

D - Pakistan

India won the Champions Trophy 2025 by defeating New Zealand by 4 wickets. In the final played in Dubai, New Zealand set a target of 252 runs, which India achieved in 49 overs. This is Rohit Sharma's second ICC title in 9 months, earlier he led India to the T20 World Cup in 2024.



123. India defeated which team in the final to win the sixth Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship 2025 -

A - Iran

B - Bangladesh

C - Nepal

D - Thailand

The Indian women's Kabaddi team won the Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship for the fifth time by defeating Iran 32-25 in Tehran on 8 March 2025. India entered the tournament as the defending champion under the captaincy of Sonali Shingre. In the semi-finals, India defeated Nepal 56-18 and Iran defeated Bangladesh 41-18.



124. In which district of Madhya Pradesh is Madhav National Park located?

A - Gwalior

B - Bhopal

C - Datia

D - Shivpuri

Madhav National Park located in Shivpuri district of Madhya Pradesh has been notified by the Union Environment Ministry as the 58th tiger reserve of the country and the 9th tiger reserve of the state. Spread over 375.233 square kilometers, this park has two major lakes Sankhya Sagar and Madhav Sagar.





125. Where was the Fisheries Startup Conclave 2.0 organized?

A - Chennai, Tamil Nadu

B - Odisha

C - Mumbai, Maharashtra

D - Hyderabad, Telangana

The Department of Fisheries organized the Fisheries Startup Conclave 2.0 in Hyderabad, Telangana on 8 March 2025. Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Minister of State George Kurien and Prof. Several government officials, entrepreneurs and startup representatives including SP Baghel attended the event.



126. Recently, which Indian leader has been awarded the highest national award of Barbados "Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados" -

A - Piyush Goyal

B - Anurag Thakur

C - Prime Minister Narendra Modi

D - External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded the highest national award of Barbados "Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados". This honor was given to him for his impressive leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic and contribution in strengthening global cooperation.



127. Bodhipath Film Festival is being organized by which organization -

A - International Film Festival

B - International Buddhist Confederation

C - Dalai Lama Foundation

D - Indian Film Council

The "Bodhipath Film Festival" in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) and His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Universal Responsibility Foundation will be held on 10-11 March 2025 at India International Centre, New Delhi. The festival is dedicated to the Buddhist community and will showcase ten global films focusing on the teachings of the Buddha and modern psychological topics.



128. "Project HAKK" has been launched by which bank?

A - HDFC

B - SBI

C - ICICI

D - SIDBI

HDFC Bank launched 'Project HAKK' to provide assistance to Indian Air Force (IAF) pensioners and their families. Under this initiative, the bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Accounts & Airmen) and CSC Academy.





129. This expansion of Lohum will play an important role in freeing India from this dependence. Where is the country's first lithium grade refinery being started -

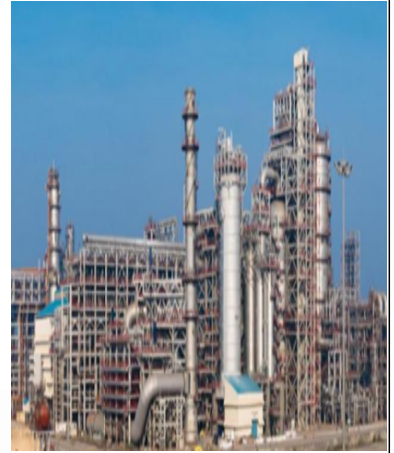
A - Sultanpur - Uttar Pradesh

B - Bhopal - Madhya Pradesh

C - Mumbai - Maharashtra

D - Noida - Uttar Pradesh

Lohum Company has started the country's first lithium grade refinery in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, which will produce 1000 metric tonnes of battery grade lithium annually. Its capacity is planned to increase to 20,000 tonnes by 2029. Lithium will be extracted by recycling black mass from e-waste in the refinery.



130. Where was the 24th World Sustainable Development Summit - 2025 held -

A - Bangalore

B - Guwahati

C - New Delhi

D - Chennai

The 24th World Sustainable Development Summit concluded in New Delhi on 7 March 2025, with a global discussion on sustainable development and climate change. This year's summit was attended by the Prime Minister of Guyana and the Environment Minister of Brazil, among other experts.



131. Which state government launched the "Project Hifazat" scheme for the safety of women -

A - Rajasthan

B - Madhya Pradesh

C - Chhattisgarh

D - Punjab

The Punjab government launched "Project Hifazat" on International Women's Day, which aims to protect women and children from violence. The project was inaugurated by Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur, and a helpline number 181 has been issued under it. Its main objective is to remove the fear of women in reporting violence and harassment.



132. Recently Shaurya Vednam festival was organized by the Union Ministry of Defense?

A - Motihari - Bihar

B - Jaipur, Rajasthan

C - Gwalior - Madhya Pradesh

D - Bastar - Chhattisgarh

The first 'Shaurya Vedanam Utsav' was held on 8 March 2025 in Gotihari town of East Champaran district of Bihar. This two-day event was a celebration of the military might of the Indian Armed Forces, martial arts, military band performances and war demonstrations.





133. Where will India's first API Green Hydrogen and 2G Ethanol plant be set up?

A - Solan

B - Lucknow

C - Jodhpur

D - Delhi

India's first Green Hydrogen and 2G Ethanol plant will be set up in Baddi-Nalagarh area of Solan district of Himachal Pradesh. The project will produce Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API), Green Hydrogen and 2G Ethanol, and will have an investment of Rs 1400 crore. Green hydrogen at the plant will be generated from electrolysis of water, using solar, wind and hydro energy.



134. Recently, Justice Jaymalya Bagli has been appointed to the Supreme Court, he was earlier a Justice of which High Court?

A - Calcutta High Court

B - Rajasthan High Court

C - Allahabad High Court

D - Mumbai Delhi High Court

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the appointment of Justice Jaymalya Bagchi of Calcutta High Court as a Supreme Court judge. This decision was taken unanimously by the Collegium headed by Chief Justice Sanjeev Khanna. It is worth noting that since 2013, no judge from the Calcutta High Court has become the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.



135. Which country was affected by Cyclone Alfred?

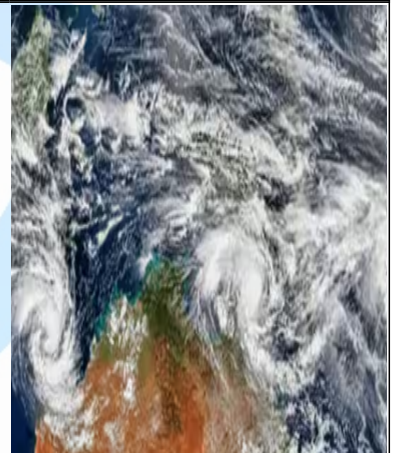
A - Australia

B - Canada

C - Japan

D - Netherlands

The east coast of Australia is threatened by Cyclone Alfred, which is considered to be the most dangerous in the last 50 years. According to the Bureau of Meteorology, this cyclone has generated dangerous waves in coastal areas. Cyclones are known by different names in different sea areas, such as typhoon, hurricane, tornado and tropical cyclone.



136. When is International Women's Day celebrated?

A - 6 March

B - 7 March

C - 8 March

D - 10 March

International Women's Day is celebrated on 8 March, which aims to honor the economic, political and social contributions of women. It started in the US in 1909 and was recognized by the United Nations in 1977. The theme for 2025 is "Accelerate Action", which gives the message of taking quick and effective steps to empower women's rights.





137. Recently, in which state has the government approved the ropeway from Govindghat to Hemkund Sahib Ji ?

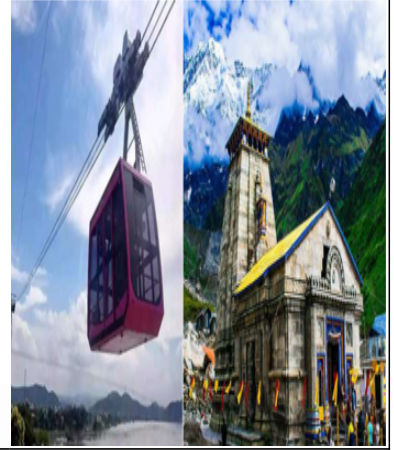
A - Uttarakhand

B - Himachal Pradesh

C - Jammu and Kashmir

D - Meghalaya

The Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved two ropeway projects in Uttarakhand - Govind Ghat to Hemkund Sahib (12.4 km) and Sonprayag to Kedarnath (12.9 km). Their total cost will be Rs 6811 crore and they will be developed under the PPP model.



138. Who released the Wealth Report 2025?

A - Knight Frank - UK real estate consultancy company

B - World Bank

C - IMF

D - Swiss Bank

According to the Wealth Report 2025, India has become the fourth largest global wealth center, coming after the US, China and Japan. The number of high net worth individuals (HNWIs) in the country is projected to increase from 80,686 in 2023 to 85,698 in 2024, a growth of 6%. In this report released by Knight Frank, HNWIs are individuals whose wealth is more than \$10 million.



139. Which country hosts the annual Sea Dragon military exercise ?

A - US

B - Japan

C - India

D - Pakistan

Sea Dragon 2025, a multilateral naval exercise, is being held off the coast of Guam from March 4-19, involving India, the US, Australia, Japan and the Republic of Korea. The annual exercise focuses on anti-submarine warfare and is hosted by the US Navy.



140. When is 'Jan Aushadhi Day' celebrated ?

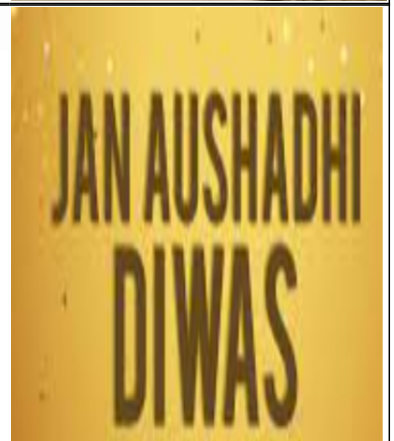
A - 6 March

B - 5 March

C - 4 March

D - 7 March

Every year 'Jan Aushadhi Day' is celebrated on 7 March, which aims to raise awareness about PMBJP and encourage the use of generic medicines. PMBJP, which was launched in 2008, operates through Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMBJK) dedicated to providing affordable and quality medicines.





141. Where was the emergency Arab summit held recently?

A - Dubai

B - Abu Dhabi

C - Cairo

D - Doha

The Arab summit was held in Cairo, the capital of Egypt, in which the Gaza crisis, Palestine dispute, Syria crisis, Yemen war, economic cooperation and Sudan crisis were discussed. The Arab League emphasized united efforts for regional stability and peace. The aim of this meeting was to increase coordination among Arab countries and find solutions to existing challenges.



142. Where was an agreement signed between India and Nepal recently to increase cooperation in the field of water sanitation and waste management?

A - Bahraich

B - New Delhi

C - Kathmandu

D - Lucknow

India and Nepal signed an agreement to increase cooperation in water sanitation and waste management. Under this, joint work will be done in water quality improvement, artificial recharge, rainwater harvesting and water resource management. Special training will also be given to Nepalese personnel.



143. Where will the second edition of Khelo India Para Games be held?

A - Jaipur

B - New Delhi

C - Bhopal

D - Agra

Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya announced the second edition of Khelo India Para Games 2025, which will be held in New Delhi from March 20-27. In this, 1230 para athletes will compete in six categories—para archery, athletics, badminton, powerlifting, shooting and table tennis.



144. World Sustainable Development Summit is organized by whom?

A - The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

B - Ministry of Climate Change India

C - United Nations Environment Programme

D - UNDP

Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav addressed the opening session of the World Sustainable Development Summit 2025, organized by TERI, on the theme "Partnerships to Accelerate Sustainable Development and Climate Solutions". He emphasized the role of the Global South and India's sustainability commitment.





145. Who inaugurated the 'Amrit Mahotsav of Diversity' ?

A - President

B - Prime Minister

C - Home Minister

D - Finance Minister

President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the second edition of the "Amrit Mahotsav of Diversity" at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 5 March 2025, showcasing the cultural heritage of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Lakshadweep and Puducherry. About 500 artisans and weavers are showcasing their art and skills in this festival.



146. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Government e-Marketplace (GEM) ?

A - Nripendra Mishra

B - Siddharth Jain

C - Shreyansh Kumat

D - Ajay Bhadoo

Ajay Bhadoo, a 1999 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Government e-Marketplace (GEM). His appointment will be effective from March 3, 2025, and he has replaced L. Satya Srinivas. Ajay Bhadoo will also serve as Additional Secretary in the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce.



147. From when to when will the Sahitya Akademi organize the Sahitya Mahotsav-2025?

A - 7 March to 12 March

B - 12 March to 17 March

C - 9 March to 16 March

D - 10 March to 15 March

The "Festival of Letters 2025" will be organised by the Sahitya Akademi from 7 to 12 March 2025 at Ravindra Bhawan, New Delhi. Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Shekhawat will inaugurate the event while renowned English playwright Mahesh Dattani will be the chief guest of the awards ceremony.



148. Uruguay shares its border with which of the following countries?

A - Brazil

B - Bolivia

C - Chile

D - Paraguay

Yamandou Orsi was recently sworn in as the President of Uruguay, replacing former President Luis Lacalle Pou. The term of the President in Uruguay is 5 years. Uruguay is a country located in the continent of South America and is the second smallest country in South America. It shares its borders with Argentina and Brazil.





149. Recently, which ministry has launched the Swavalambini Initiative in collaboration with NITI Aayog ?

A - Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

B - Ministry of Panchayati Raj

C - Ministry of Home Affairs

D - Ministry of Finance

Swavalambini Initiative 2025 is an initiative launched by the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and NITI Aayog, which was launched by Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. It will first be implemented in higher educational institutions in the eastern region of the country.



150. Recently, a biodiversity conservation project has been launched in which lake of Africa ?

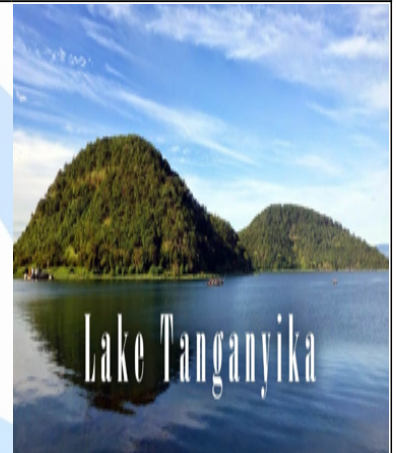
A - Victoria

B - Malawi

C - Turkana

D - Tanganyika

The Lake Tanganyika Basin Biodiversity Conservation Project will run from 2025-2030, involving Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia. Led by UNEP and funded by GEF, this initiative aims to assess and address transboundary threats to the lake's biodiversity.



151. Mission-300 aims to provide electricity to 300 million people in which region?

A - Ukraine

B - India

C - Sub-Saharan Africa

D - Guatemala

Mission 300 is a transformational initiative that aims to provide electricity to 300 million people in sub-Saharan Africa by 2030. It has been launched in collaboration with the World Bank and the African Development Bank. This initiative will be helpful in economic growth, job creation and poverty alleviation by promoting affordable, reliable and clean energy.



152. According to the Ganges Dolphin Population Survey 2025 in India, which state has the highest population of dolphins?

A - Uttar Pradesh

B - Bihar

C - West Bengal

D - Rajasthan

In the first dolphin population survey conducted in India, 6327 dolphins were recorded, of which 6324 were found in the Ganges and Brahmaputra river basins and 3 dolphins were found in the Beas river of Punjab. The report was released by PM Modi on 3 March 2025. The survey covered an area of 8500 km in 28 rivers of 8 states and took 3150 days.





153. Where was the Visitors Conference 2024-25 held?

A - New Delhi

B - Bangalore

C - Bhopal

D - Chandigarh

President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the two-day Visitors Conference 2024-25 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on 3 March 2025. The conference was first started in 2015. The President presented the 8th Visitors Awards 2023, which are given in the innovation, research and technology development categories.



154. Where is Vantara, the world's largest wildlife rescue, conservation and rehabilitation center located?

A - Jamnagar (Gujarat)

B - Jaipur (Rajasthan)

C - Agra (Uttar Pradesh)

D - Morena (Madhya Pradesh)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Vantara, a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre, in Jamnagar, Gujarat on 4 March 2025. Established by Reliance Industries and Reliance Foundation, the centre is spread over 3000 acres. Vantara's "Radhe Krishna Mandir Elephant Welfare Trust" received the 2025 Praani Mitra Award (Corporate Category).



155. Who has recently taken oath as the Chancellor of Austria?

A - Christian Stocker

B - Steven Stim

C - Gary Christian

D - Glenn Darbon

Christian Stocker became the new Chancellor of Austria, leading a coalition government of the OVP, Social Democrats and Neos Party. No party got a clear majority in the September 2024 election. The Freedom Party won 57, the OVP 51, the Social Democrats 41 and Neos 18 seats.



156. Recently, which two corporations have been given the status of Navratna by the Government of India?

A - JDA and ADA

B - IRCTC and IRFC

C - Rail Tail and RVNL

D - RIL and Vodafone

The Government of India gave the status of Navratna PSU to IRCTC and IRFC, due to which now all the seven listed railway PSUs have become Navratna. These include CONCOR, RVNL, IRCON, RITES, RailTel, IRCTC and IRFC. By getting the status of Navratna, they will get more financial and operational autonomy.





157. When is International Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness Day observed?

A - March 5

B - March 6

C - March 1

D - March 3

International Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness Day is observed on March 5, which aims to raise awareness of disarmament issues, especially among youth. The United Nations General Assembly established it in 2021 and officially declared it as March 5 in 2022. The first event was held in 2023.



158. Which team has recently won the Ranji Trophy 2024-25 final?

A - Rajasthan

B - Uttar Pradesh

C - Tamil Nadu

D - Vidarbha

Vidarbha won the Ranji Trophy for the third time by defeating Kerala in the final played in Nagpur. Despite the match being a draw, Vidarbha won the title on the basis of first innings lead. Earlier, the team had also won the trophy in 2017-18 and 2018-19. The Ranji Trophy is India's premier first-class cricket competition, in which teams from state cricket associations participate.



159. When did the Oscar Award start?

A - Year - 1928

B - Year - 1929

C - Year - 1930

D - Year - 1932

On March 2, 2025, the 97th Academy Awards (Oscars) ceremony was held at the Dolby Theater in Los Angeles, in which the winners were announced. This year the film 'Anora' won awards in five categories including the best film. Mikey Madison received the Best Actress Award for 'Anora', while Adrian Brody was chosen as the Best Actor for 'The Brutalist'.



160. When was the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) formed?

A - Year - 2003

B - Year - 2004

C - Year - 2005

D - Year - 2006

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 7th meeting of the National Board for Wildlife (NWB) in Gir, which discussed wildlife conservation and ecological balance. 6,327 dolphins were recorded in India, the highest in Uttar Pradesh. The 16th cycle of lion census will begin in 2025.





161. Who has recently assumed the charge of Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) -

A - Dr. Mayank Sharma

B - Dr. Samit A Sharma

C - Anand Mishra

D - Kumar Palya Gautam

Dr. Mayank Sharma has recently assumed the charge of Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA). He is a 1989 batch officer of the Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS) and has experience of working in many important government posts including the Indian Defence Accounts Department.



162. Central Warehousing Corporation celebrated which of its foundation day recently

A - 66th

B - 67th

C - 68th

D - 69th

Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) celebrated its 69th Foundation Day in New Delhi, in which Union Food Minister Shri Prahlad Joshi described warehousing and logistics as an important part of economic development. He set a target to reduce logistics cost from 13-14% to 8% under the Government's National Logistics Policy (NLP) and PM Gatishakti initiative.



163. Recently a new species of bat was discovered in Sri Lanka, that species is -

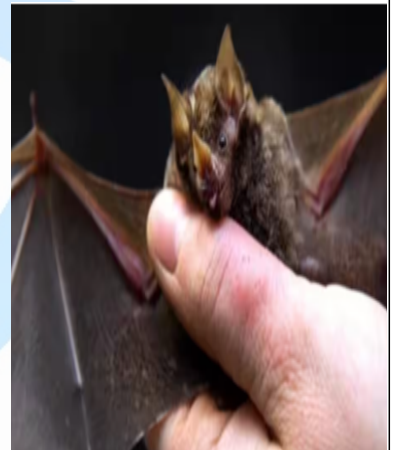
A - Hipposideros sri lankaensis

B - Junos sri lankaensis

C - Saipo sial

D - Mudie Frog

An international team led by Utsanya University, Australia, identified a new species of bat in Sri Lanka, named "Hipposideros sri lankaensis". This discovery was published in the international classification journal "Jutex". The new species was identified through field study, morphological and genetic analysis.



164. Recently, a private company has landed a lander named Blue Ghost on the moon, which country does this company belong to?

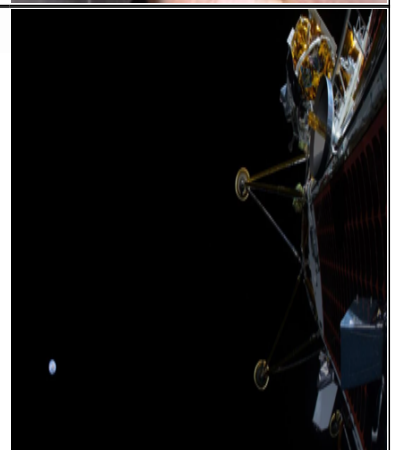
A - China

B - Japan

C - India

D - America

American private company Firefly Aerospace's "Blue Ghost" lander landed on the moon on Sunday, becoming the second private spacecraft to land on the moon. Earlier in 2023, Intuitive Machines' Odysseus lander reached the moon. Blue Ghost is named after a rare American firefly species.





165. Who inaugurated India's first World Peace Center?

A - Home Minister Amit Shah

B - Former President Ram Nath Kovind

C - President Draupadi Murmu

D - Kailash Satyarthi

Former President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated India's first World Peace Center in Sector-39 of Gurugram, which is being established under the leadership of Jain Acharya Lokesh Muni and the efforts of Ahimsa Vishwa Bharati. It is being considered a symbol of spiritual and social unity, which aims to promote peace, goodwill, social responsibility and sustainable development.



166. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has recently announced how many new spiritual corridors?

A - 3

B - 4

C - 5

D - 6

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced five new spiritual corridors in the state after Maha Kumbh 2025, which will make travel to religious places easier for devotees. The Prayagraj-Vindhyachal-Kashi corridor will connect Prayagraj, Vindhyachal Devi Dham and Kashi for devotees of Goddess Shakti and Lord Shiva.



167. What is the name of the centralized database portal recently launched by SEBI?

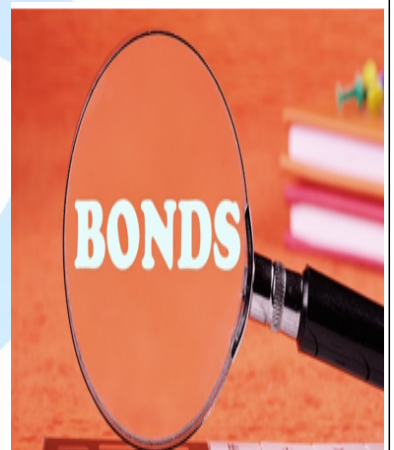
A - Bond Up

B - Bond Central

C - Suraksha Kavach

D - Gold Bond

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched a centralized database portal called Bond Central, which will integrate and make transparent all information related to corporate bonds. It has been developed by the OBPP Association in collaboration with stock exchanges and MII.



168. Who is the author of the book 'Heart Lamp' -

A - Banu Mushtaq

B - Shivesh Mishra

C - Dipa Karmakar

D - Gulzar

The long list of the International Booker Prize 2025 includes Kannada writer Banu Mushtaq's short story collection 'Heart Lamp', which has been translated into English by Deepa Bhasthi. Banu Mushtaq is a supporter of the rights of Dalit and Muslim women and has received the Karnataka Sahitya Academy and Dana Chintamani Atimbhe awards.





169. Who will be awarded the Ruskin Fiction Book Award?

A - Rajkamal Jha

B - Ashinabh Singh

C - Salman Khurshid

D - None of the following

The Banaras Lit Fest has announced the winners of the Book Awards 2025. The awards were officially announced on 23 February 2025 at a curtain raiser event at PHDCCI House in New Delhi. These awards will be distributed at the grand Banaras Lit Fest organized at Hotel Taj Banaras from 7 to 9 March 2025.



170. When is World Wildlife Day celebrated?

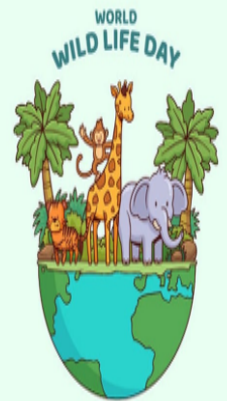
A - 3 March

B - 2 March

C - 6 March

D - 19 March

The United Nations General Assembly declared 3 March as World Wildlife Day, which marks the anniversary of the signing of CITES in 1973. The CITES Secretariat is responsible for the global celebration of this day. The theme for 2025 is "Wildlife Conservation Finance -



171. When was the Asian Development Bank established?

A - Year - 1956

B - Year - 1966

C - Year - 1969

D - Year - 1959

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$200 million loan to improve the sustainability, sanitation and infrastructure of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. Under this project, climate and disaster resistant sewage and drainage systems will be developed, which will reduce the risk of waterborne and vector-borne diseases.



Asian Development Bank

172. Where was the second India EU Trade and Technology Council meeting held?

A - New Delhi

B - Bangalore

C - Jaipur

D - Rameswaram

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen made an official visit to India on 27-28 February 2025, in which the EU Commissioner Group also participated. This group was visiting a country outside Europe for the first time. The second ministerial level meeting of the India-EU Trade and Technology Council was held in New Delhi.





173. Who released the report "The India Country Economic Memorandum, Becoming a High Income Economy in a Generation"?

- A - Asian Development Bank B - Reserve Bank of India
C - World Bank D - IMF

According to the World Bank report "The India Country Economic Memorandum, Becoming a High Income Economy in a Generation", India will have to maintain an average annual economic growth rate of 7.8% to become a developed country by 2047. India is currently among the lower-middle income countries, while China falls in the upper-middle income category.



174. Desert Hunt exercise was a military exercise of which army?

- A - Air Force B - Indian Navy
C - Special Paraforce D - Tri Service Special Forces

Indian Air Force conducted the "Desert Hunt-2025" tri-service special forces exercise in Jodhpur on 24-28 February 2025, in which Army's Para (Special Forces), Navy's Marine Commandos and Air Force's Garud Special Forces participated. It was aimed at enhancing coordination among special forces and ensuring quick resolution of security challenges.



175. Which ministry will launch 'Sashakt Panchayat - Netri Abhiyan'?

- A - Ministry of Labour B - Ministry of Panchayati Raj
C - Ministry of Finance D - Ministry of External Affairs

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj will launch the "Sashakt Panchayat - Netri Abhiyan" on 4 March 2025 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. Union Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Women and Child Development Minister Annapurna Devi, Ministers of State S.P. Baghel and Defence Nikhil Khadse will attend the event.



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176. What is the scientific name of Giloy?

- A - Tinospora cordifolia B - Pisum cerivum
C - Syzygum cumini D - Azardica indica

The number of research publications on Giloy has increased by 376.5% in the last decade, from 243 in 2014 to 913 in 2024. After COVID-19, research on its immunity booster, antiviral and adaptogenic properties increased rapidly. Giloy is helpful in preventing infections, viral fever, dengue, malaria and controlling blood sugar.





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181. When was the Ministry of AYUSH established -

A - Year - 2011

B - Year - 2012

C - Year - 2016

D - Year - 2014

During the Maha Kumbh Mela, the Ministry of AYUSH provided health services to 8 lakh devotees. 20 AYUSH OPD centres and mobile health units were set up in the fair area, with 90 doctors and 150 health workers deployed. Special medical arrangements were made for Mahashivratri bathing.



182. Who inaugurated the Jahan-e-Khusro-2025 festival?

A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi

B - Home Minister Amit Shah

C - Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav

D - None of the following

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Sufi Music Festival 'Jahan-e-Khusro' 2025 in New Delhi on 28 February 2025. The festival is dedicated to Sufi music, poetry and dance in the memory of Amir Khusro and is celebrating its 25th edition this year.



183. How much money was allocated under the Maritime Development Fund?

A - Rs 35000 crore

B - Rs 25000 crore

C - Rs 40000 crore

D - Rs 45000 crore

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched the 'One Nation - One Port' (ONOP) process to modernize India's maritime infrastructure and strengthen trade. It aims to increase the efficiency of ports, streamline logistics and ensure transparency.



184. Which organisation is organising the International Radiobiology Conference?

A - INMAS (DRDO)

B - BARC

C - UGC

D - AIIMS

INMAS, a Delhi-based DRDO laboratory is organising the International Radiobiology Conference from 21 February to 1 March 2025, which was inaugurated by Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India. The theme this year is "Biological effects and biomedical response measures in space radiation, heavy ions and human space missions".





185. When is National Science Day celebrated?

A - 28 February

B - 24 February

C - 3 March

D - 6 March

National Science Day is celebrated every year on 28 February on the anniversary of Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman's discovery of the Raman effect. The Government of India designated it as National Science Day in 1986. CV Raman was born on 7 November 1888 in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.



186. Nyokum Yulo festival is celebrated in which state of India?

A - Arunachal Pradesh

B - Sikkim

C - Uttarakhand

D - Uttar Pradesh

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar attended the first joint mega Nyokum Yulo festival at Boasimla in Kamle district of Arunachal Pradesh on 26 February 2025. Union Minister Kiren Rijiju was also present at the function.



187. When is World NGO Day celebrated?

A - 25 February

B - 27 February

C - 28 February

D - 2 March

World NGO Day is celebrated every year on 27 February to honour the contributions of NGOs. The theme for 2025 is "Empowering grassroots movements for a sustainable future", highlighting the role of local organisations. The day was first celebrated in 2014 and was conceptualised by Markis Lirs Skadmanis of Latvia.



188. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of SEBI recently?

A - Anand Mishra

B - Siddharth Jain

C - Tuhin Kanta Pandey

D - Nirmala Jain

Tuhin Kanta Pandey has been appointed the 11th chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). He will replace Madhabi Puri Buch and will hold the post for three years. He will face the challenge of bringing stability to the market amid heavy capital outflows by foreign investors.





189. Which country has recently announced a 'Gold Card' visa?

A - America

B - Canada

C - France

D - China

Donald Trump announced plans to launch a new 'Gold Card' visa program, in which wealthy foreign investors will get instant US citizenship on an investment of \$5 million. This will replace the 35-year-old EB-5 visa, which gave citizenship in 5-7 years on an investment of \$1 million.



190. Recently, DGCA granted public airport license under 3C, VFR category to which airport of Madhya Pradesh?

A - Indore

B - Datia

C - Morena

D - Bhopal

DGCA granted public airport license in VFR category to Datia airport, making it the eighth public airport of Madhya Pradesh. Spread over 184 acres, this airport will provide air services to Bhopal and Khajuraho, which will promote tourism. DGCA, the apex regulatory body of civil aviation, monitors and licenses aviation security, airlines and airports.



191. In which country's shipyard is the warship 'Tamal' built?

A - Russia

B - France

C - America

D - Japan

'Tamal', built in Russia's Yantar shipyard, is the deadliest stealth warship of the Indian Navy. It can travel up to 3000 km at a speed of 30 nautical miles per hour. It has the capability to deploy anti-ship Brahmos missiles, submarine rockets, torpedoes and helicopters.



192. When is the death anniversary of Chandrashekhar Azad celebrated?

A - 27 February

B - 26 February

C - 1 March

D - 8 March

Born in Bhabra, Madhya Pradesh in 1906, Azad joined the non-cooperation movement at the age of 15. Later he became a prominent member of the Hindustan Republican Association and Hindustan Socialist Republican Association. He participated in revolutionary campaigns like the Kakori incident, the assassination of J.P. Sanders and the Viceroy train explosion.

