

1. The 4th National Chilika Bird Festival was held from January 27–29, 2024. Chilika Lake is situated in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Kerala



- ✓ **The 4th National Chilika Bird Festival was held from January 27–29, 2024. The festival celebrates the 10 lakh winged visitors of 200 species that visit Mangalajodi during the winter. The festival was inaugurated by Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. The three-day program included 52 selected birders from different parts of India.**

2. Deep Grace Ekka, who recently announced her retirement, is associated with which sports?

- A. Hockey
- B. Cricket
- C. Football
- D. Table Tennis



- ✓ **Deep Grace Ekka is a former Indian woman's hockey defender and penalty corner specialist. Recently, the 29-year-old announced her retirement from international hockey. Ekka played in 268 matches for the Indian women's hockey team, including two Olympic Games. She was a key player in India's qualification for the 2016 Rio Olympics and was a key defender at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, where India finished fourth.**

3. Which district of Kerala is set to host the International Literature Festival?

- A. Thrissur
- B. Kollam
- C. Wayanad
- D. Kannur



- ✓ **The International Literature Festival of Kerala (ILFK) commenced in Thrissur with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan emphasizing literature's role in uniting humanity. Themed "Literature, culture and progress," the seven-day festival organized by the Kerala Sahitya Akademi features global, Indian, and regional writers, including poets from Palestine and Manipur. The event aims at cultural renaissance.**

4. Which Middle Eastern country recently launched the satellites namely Mahda, Kayhan-2, and Hatef-1?

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Egypt
- D. Jordan



- ✓ Iran launched three satellites into space using the Simorgh rocket: Mahda: A 32 kg satellite Kayhan-2: A nano-satellite weighing less than 10 kg Hatef-1: A nano-satellite weighing less than 10 kg The satellites were launched from the Imam Khomeini Spaceport in Iran's Semnan province.

5. Which state is home to the 'Kutia Kondh Tribe' classified as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group?

- A. Odisha
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Chhattisgarh



- ✓ Two Kutia Kondh individuals, belonging to a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group in Odisha, have been invited as special guests to the Republic Day parade in New Delhi. Each year, the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs invites representatives from such groups for Republic Day events.

6. Recently, which player made history by hitting the fastest triple-century in first-class cricket?

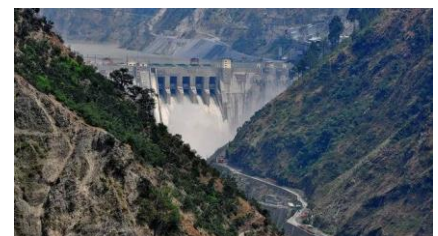
- A. Tanmay Agarwal
- B. Hardik Tamore
- C. Shivam Dube
- D. Abhishek Reddy



- ✓ Tanmay Agarwal set the record for the fastest triple century in first-class cricket in January 2024. Agarwal scored 323 runs off 160 balls against Arunachal Pradesh in a Ranji Trophy Plate Group game. Agarwal's innings included 33 boundaries and 21 sixes. He broke the previous record held by Marco Marais, who scored a triple century in 191 deliveries in 2017.

7. Ratle Hydro Electric Project is built on which river?

- A. Chenab River
- B. Tawi River
- C. Sutlej River
- D. Kaveri River



- ✓ The government has announced the diversion of Chenab River water through tunnels to accelerate the 850-MW Ratle Hydro Electric Project in Jammu & Kashmir. The project, located in the Kishtwar District, is a run-of-river hydroelectric power initiative on the Chenab River. Developed by Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation (RHPCL) as a joint venture between Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development Corporation and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation.

8. 'INS Sumitra' is what kind of vessel?

- A. Patrol vessel
- B. Frigate
- C. Destroyer
- D. Aircraft Carrier



- ✓ The Indian Navy's INS Sumitra, a Saryu-class patrol vessel, rescued hijacked fishermen off Somalia's east coast. Commissioned in 2014, it's the last vessel of its class, constructed by Goa Shipyard. Based in Chennai under the Eastern Naval Command, its primary roles include EEZ surveillance, anti-piracy patrols, fleet support, maritime security, and escort operations. The recent successful rescue underscores its vital contributions to regional security.

9. Recently, where was the foundation stone of North-East India's first Naturopathy Hospital laid?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Manipur
- C. Mizoram
- D. Assam



- ✓ Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, and Assam's Chief Minister, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, laid the foundation stone for the Central Research Institute of Yoga & Naturopathy and a 100-bed Yoga & Naturopathy hospital in Dibrugarh, Assam. With an investment of ₹100 crores, the 15-acre institution aims to synergize traditional Yoga and Naturopathy with modern technology, setting benchmarks in education, preventive healthcare, and research. The institute will focus on evidence-based research, international collaboration, and incubation for startups in the Yoga and wellness sector.

10. Which naval ship was recently decommissioned after 38 years of service to the Indian Navy?

- A. INS Suvarna
- B. INS Nirupak
- C. INS Kabra
- D. INS Aditya



- ✓ The Indian Navy bid farewell to INS Nirupak, a survey ship commissioned in 1985, after 38 years of service. Launched on June 4, 1981, and based in Visakhapatnam, the vessel played a crucial role

in hydrography, earning awards for excellence. It actively participated in humanitarian operations, including the 2004 tsunami relief.

11. Recently, Who has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Puducherry?

- A. Rajeev Verma
- B. Abhijit Vijay Chaudhary
- C. Sharat Chauhan
- D. Ashish Madhaorao

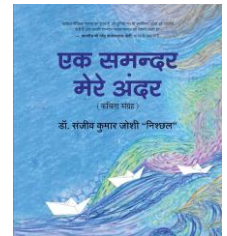


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- ✓ The Union Home Ministry announced the appointment of Dr. Sharat Chauhan as the new Chief Secretary of Puducherry. Chauhan is a member of the AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory) cadre and previously served in Arunachal Pradesh.

12. Who is the author of the book 'Ek Samandar, Mere Andar'?

- A. Sanjeev Joshi
- B. Vikram Seth
- C. Aravind Adiga
- D. Vineet Bajpai



- ✓ National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan introduced the book 'Ek Samandar, Mere Andar,' penned by Sanjeev Joshi, Deputy CEO of BrahMos Aerospace. The book, consisting of 75 poems, was unveiled at the India International Centre.

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