

1. Statue of Unity is located on the banks of which river?

- A. River Narmada
- B. River Tapi
- C. River Sabarmati
- D. River Luni



- ✓ The 182-meter-tall statue, dedicated to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, stands on Sadhu Bet Island, Gujarat, by the Narmada Dam. Constructed by Larsen & Toubro and designed by Ram V Sutar, the statue honors India's 'Iron Man'. The Gujarat government funded the INR 3,050-crore project, covering 20,000 square meters with a surrounding artificial lake of 12 square kilometers.

2. India's first 'Gati Shakti Research Chair' has been established at which institute?

- A. IIM Ahmedabad
- B. IIM Shillong
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. IIT Bombay



- ✓ The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) and IIM Shillong have joined forces to establish India's inaugural 'Gati Shakti Research Chair.' This collaborative effort aims to boost academic research in multimodal logistics, with a specific focus on the North-East region. The initiative aims to empower students in logistics-related fields by fostering skill development and creating career opportunities.

3. What was India's ranking in the global cybercrime report for 2023?

- A. 79th
- B. 80th
- C. 85th
- D. 84th



- ✓ According to a 2023 report, India is the 80th most targeted country worldwide for cybercrime. The report states that 34% of Indian users were targeted by local threats in 2023, totaling 74 million incidents. In 2023, India has a national cybercrime rate of 129 per hundred thousand citizens.

4. Recently, where was the 11th bilateral Consular Dialogue between India and the US held?

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



- ✓ The 11th bilateral Consular Dialogue between India and the US took place in New Delhi. The Indian delegation, led by Dr KJ Srinivasa, is hosting the US delegation led by Ambassador Rena Bitter. The dialogue is intended to strengthen the cooperation between the two countries on consular issues.

5. Mobile World Congress 2024 is recently hosted by which country?

- A. India
B. Spain
C. Italy
D. France



- ✓ The Mobile World Congress (MWC) annually unites the mobile industry for networking and collaboration. In 2024, GSMA, the global association for mobile network operators, will host the event in Barcelona, Spain. This gathering provides a platform for industry professionals to connect and collaborate, showcasing the latest advancements in mobile technology and fostering global cooperation within the dynamic mobile ecosystem.

6. Which day is celebrated as Central Excise Day in India?

- A. 23rd February
B. 24th February
C. 25th February
D. 26th February



- ✓ February 24th marks India's Central Excise Day, commemorating the 1944 enactment of the Central Excise and Salt Act. First celebrated in 1944, it honors CBIC's contribution to the nation. The day underscores tax obligations for citizens, vital for national development. In 2024, the government focuses on modernizing India's tax system.

7. Recently, which country became the first Asian country to ratify ILO convention to end workplace violence and harassment?

- A. Myanmar
B. Philippines
C. Indonesia
D. Laos



- ✓ The Philippines has made history as the first Asian country to ratify the Violence and Harassment Convention 2019 (No. 190) by the International Labor Organization. This significant step addresses workplace violence globally, underlining the nation's commitment to fostering safe and respectful work environments. With this ratification, the Philippines joins 37 other nations in standing against workplace violence and harassment.

8. What is Agasthyagama beddomii?

- A. Wolf Spider
- B. Kangaroo lizard
- C. Frog
- D. Invasive weed



- ✓ **A team of Indian scientists discovered a new species, Agasthyagama Edge, a northern kangaroo lizard, in Kerala's Idukki district. Differentiated by scale characters and genetics, it's part of the Agasthyagama genus, previously known for Agasthyagama beddomii. Named for Evolutionarily Distinct and Globally Endangered, it's small to medium-sized, residing in India's Western Ghats. Known for bipedal movement, it has a distinctive gait, resembling a kangaroo.**

9. Shahpur Kandi Dam Project is located on which river?

- A. Ravi
- B. Beas
- C. Tapi
- D. Krishna



- ✓ **The completion of Shahpur Kandi barrage on the Punjab-Jammu and Kashmir border has stopped water flow from the River Ravi to Pakistan. Located downstream from the Ranjit Sagar Dam, the Shahpur Kandi Dam Project aims at power generation & irrigation in Punjab and J&K. Constructed by the Punjab government's irrigation department with a total output capacity of 206 MW.**

10. Makha Bucha ceremony is associated with which one of the following?

- A. Vaishnavism
- B. Jainism
- C. Buddhism
- D. Shaivism



- ✓ **The sacred MakhaBucha ceremony, a revered event for Buddhists in Thailand, was led by esteemed Somdet and senior monks. MakhaBucha Day marks Lord Buddha's teachings, celebrated on the full moon of the third lunar month. "Makha" refers to the month, and "buchha" means "to worship" in Pali language. The day aims to purify the mind with good deeds. Celebrations include offering food to monks and candlelight processions. It's the first significant Buddhist festival, observed in Theravada Buddhism practicing nations like Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia.**

11. Which country's first fifth-generation aircraft, the KAAN, completed its maiden flight?

- A. Turkey
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Malaysia



- ✓ Turkey's first fifth-generation aircraft, the KAAN, completed its maiden flight at the Akinci air base near Ankara. The 13-minute flight reached an altitude of 8,000 feet. The KAAN, also known as TF and MMU, is a twin-engine, all-weather fighter jet being developed by Turkish Aerospace Industries and BAE Systems. It's designed to replace the Turkish Air Force's F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft and will be sold to other countries.

12. As per the recent report, what was the percentage increase in India's mineral production in December 2023?

- A. 5.1%
- B. 5.2%
- C. 5.3%
- D. 5.4%



- ✓ According to the Indian government, India's mineral production increased by 5.1% in December 2023 compared to the same month in 2022. The index of mineral production for the mining and quarrying sector in December 2023 is 139.4, which is 5.1% higher than the same month in 2022.

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