

1. Recently, who won the prestigious 2024 World Press Photo of the Year award?

- A. Ronald Schemidt
- B. Mohammed Salem
- C. Kayin Luys
- D. Ruben Soto



- ✓ **Mohammed Salem received the 2024 World Press Photo of the Year award for his poignant image capturing a Palestinian woman holding her five-year-old niece's body in the Gaza Strip. Taken on Oct. 17, 2023, at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis during Israeli bombings, the photograph reflects the human toll of conflict. Salem's work highlights the ongoing struggles faced by Palestinians in Gaza, earning him international recognition for his powerful storytelling through photography.**

2. Recently, which organization released the "Trends in World Military Expenditure, 2023 Report?"

- A. NATO
- B. United Nations
- C. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- D. World Bank



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- ✓ **The "Trends in World Military Expenditure, 2023 Report" by SIPRI, established in 1966, highlights global military spending. India ranked fourth in military spending at \$83.6 billion after the US, China, and Russia. NATO states' expenditure totaled \$1341 billion, comprising 55% of global spending. The report attributes the record-high global military expenditure of \$2443 billion to Russia's Ukraine invasion and geopolitical tensions. SIPRI focuses on conflict research, armaments, arms control, and disarmament.**

3. Recently, where was the Ocean Decade Conference 2024 held?

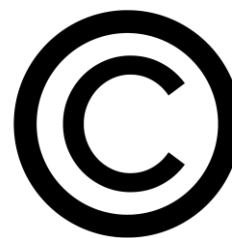
- A. Barcelona, Spain
- B. Paris, France
- C. New Delhi, India
- D. Moscow, Russia



- ✓ **India, at the 2024 Ocean Decade Conference in Barcelona, proposed a region-specific ocean observation center for deep-sea ecosystem understanding. Led by Earth Sciences Secretary M. Ravichandran, the delegation emphasized better forecasting. The conference, from April 10 to 12, aimed to assess progress toward UN Decade of Ocean Science goals (2021-2030). Spain, with UNESCO, hosted the event under the theme "Delivering the science we need for the ocean we want."**

4. What is the theme of World Book and Copyright Day 2024?

- A. Indigenous Languages
- B. Read Your Way
- C. To share a story
- D. Read, so you never feel low



- ✓ **World Book and Copyright Day, observed annually on April 23rd, promotes reading and publishing. UNESCO organizes events worldwide. The 2024 theme, "Read Your Way," highlights the joy of reading. Established in 1995, it honors literary giants like Shakespeare and Cervantes. April 23 marks the death anniversaries of Cervantes and Shakespeare.**

5. State of the Climate in Asia 2023 report is released by which organization?

- A. International Labour Organization
- B. Food and Agriculture Organization
- C. World Meteorological Organization
- D. World Health Organization



- ✓ **The WMO State of the Climate in Asia 2023, the fourth edition of annual climate reports, involved various institutions, including NMHSs, RCCs, and UN agencies. It highlights key climate indicators, impacts, and risks, addressing physical science, socio-economic, and policy aspects. In 2023, Asia experienced its second-highest mean temperature, extreme heat events, and record sea-surface temperature anomalies. Hydrometeorological hazards led to over 2,000 fatalities and affected millions, with floods and storms predominating.**

6. Saurav Ghosal, who recently announced his retirement, is associated with which sports?

- A. Squash
- B. Table Tennis
- C. Chess
- D. Badminton



- ✓ **India's top male squash player, Saurav Ghosal, retired from professional squash after a 21-year career. Ghosal, who began in 2003, claimed 10 PSA titles and reached 18 finals. His last victory was in 2021 at the Malaysian Open. Ghosal, ranked world No. 10 in 2019, held the highest Indian ranking. He was the first Indian to attain junior World No. 1 in 2004 and the only to reach the top 10 in men's singles.**

7. Mullaperiyar dam is located in which state?

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Goa
- D. Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ **The Supreme Court set July.10 to finalize legal matters regarding Tamil Nadu's objection to Kerala's Survey of India report on the Mullaperiyar catchment area. The case arose from Kerala's construction of a mega car park, prompting Tamil Nadu to seek a permanent injunction against encroachment. Conflict intensified in 2023 when the National Green Tribunal allowed Kerala's projects in the Periyar Tiger Reserve. The Mullaperiyar Dam is located on Periyar River in Kerala and is built between 1887 and 1895, diverts Periyar river water to arid regions.**

8. Rashtriya Raksha University recently signed an MoU with which country to boost innovation in aerospace, defence, and homeland security?

- A. Russia
- B. Israel
- C. France
- D. Japan



- ✓ **Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) in Gandhinagar, India, and Starburst Aerospace of France have inked a significant memorandum of understanding (MoU) to boost innovation in aerospace, defence, and homeland security. This aligns with the India-France Strategic Partnership and includes the creation of a 100 million euros venture capital fund. Indian startups will also receive export promotion support.**

9. Recently, who received the prestigious Aryabhata Award from the Astronautical Society of India (ASI)?

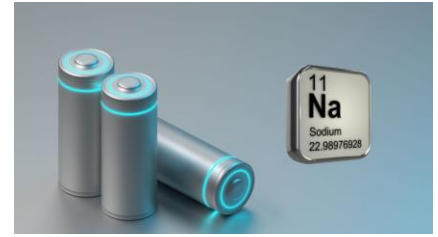
- A. G Satheesh Reddy
- B. Ram Narain Agarwal
- C. S Somnath
- D. Pavuluri Subba Rao



- ✓ **Pavuluri Subba Rao, Founder, CEO, and Chairman of Ananth Technologies, was honored with the prestigious 'Aryabhata Award' by the Aeronautical Society of India (ASI) for his outstanding contributions to astronautics in India. Additionally, Rao was named a 'Distinguished Fellow' by ASI, recognizing his remarkable impact on the aerospace and aviation sectors.**

10. Which country's researchers recently developed a sodium-ion battery that can be charged in seconds?

- A. China
- B. South Korea
- C. India
- D. Japan



- ✓ **South Korean researchers unveiled a breakthrough: a high-power hybrid sodium-ion battery. It charges in seconds, potentially reshaping mineral demand for tech. Sodium, nearly 1000 times more abundant than lithium, promises cheaper, more accessible energy storage**

11. Recently, who became the first woman Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University?

- A. Naima Khatoon
- B. Fatima Sheikh
- C. Farhat Hashmi
- D. Kushboo Mirza



- ✓ **Professor Naima Khatoon is appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), the first woman to hold the position in its history. The appointment was made by the Ministry of Education and approved by President Droupadi Murmu. Khatoon, currently the Principal of AMU's Women's College, will serve for five years or until she turns 70.**

12. Prachi Yadav, who recently won two gold medals in the ACC Paracanoe Asian Championship 2024, belongs to which state?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Haryana



- ✓ **Prachi Yadav, Madhya Pradesh's leading para canoer from Gwalior, secured two gold medals at the ACC Paracanoe Asian Championship 2024 in Tokyo, Japan. She triumphed in the Women's KL2 and Women's VL2 categories. Notably, Prachi was honored with the prestigious Arjuna Award in 2023 for her outstanding achievements in the sport.**

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