

1. Indian Historical Records Commission (IHRC) is related to which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Power



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- ✓ In April 2024, the Indian Historical Records Commission (IHRC) unveiled its new logo and motto, "Yatra Itihasam Bhavishyaam Prasakshantah". Chosen from 436 entries in an online competition, Shaurya Pratap Singh's submission won.
- ✓ Established in 1919, IHRC is a pivotal advisory body on archival matters in India, overseeing record management and historical research. It operates under the Union Minister of Culture, serving as a nationwide platform for record creators, custodians, and users.

2. What is the theme of 'World Intellectual Property Day 2024'?

- A. Women and IP: Accelerating innovation and creativity
- B. IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity
- C. IP and Youth Innovating for a Better Future
- D. Taking your ideas to the market



- ✓ World Intellectual Property Day, observed annually on April 26, is organized by WIPO to highlight the significance of Intellectual Property (IP) in fostering innovation and creativity. The theme for 2024 is 'IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity'. WIPO became a specialized agency of the UN in 1974.

3. Recently, 26th World Energy Congress is organized in which country?

- A. Belgium
- B. Netherlands
- C. Germany
- D. Denmark



- ✓ A Ministerial Round Table Conference convened on April 24, 2024, during the 26th World Energy Congress in Rotterdam, Netherlands. Discussions centered on the transformative impact of the COP28 UN Climate Change Conference in Dubai. The Congress, themed 'Redesigning Energy for People and Planet', aimed to shape global energy transitions amidst unpredictability.

4. Recently, India's first multipurpose Green Hydrogen Pilot Project was inaugurated in which state?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Odisha
- D. Aunachal Pradesh



- ✓ **SJVN Limited inaugurated India's first multipurpose green hydrogen pilot project at the Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station in Himachal Pradesh. Operating for eight hours daily, it aims to produce 14 kg of green hydrogen. The project will also produce high-velocity oxygen fuel coating material for NJHPS. Its 20 Nm/hour alkaline electrolyzer is powered by renewable energy from a 1.31 MW solar power plant in Shimla.**

5. Which bank has recently collaborated with RBI to revolutionize agricultural lending through digitalization?

- A. NABARD
- B. SBI
- C. SIDBI
- D. HDFC



- ✓ **NABARD and the RBI Innovation Hub have joined hands to modernize agricultural lending through digitalization, aiming to streamline loan processing and improve accessibility for Indian farmers. NABARD will integrate its e-KCC loan origination system portal with the RBI Innovation Hub's Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit (PTPFC). This collaboration aligns with NABARD's goal of promoting rural prosperity and advancing financial inclusion in rural areas, as emphasized by Chairman Shaji K V.**

6. Chernobyl nuclear power plant is located in which country?

- A. Russia
- B. Israel
- C. Ukraine
- D. Iraq



- ✓ **Every April 26th marks the International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day, honoring the victims of the catastrophic event. On April 26, 1986, the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant explosion in Ukraine released a massive radioactive cloud, exposing around 8.4 million people to harmful radiation. The day serves to raise awareness of the disaster's consequences and the ongoing impact on affected communities worldwide.**

7. Recently, which Central Public Sector Enterprise secured a Green Loan of Japanese Yen (JPY) 60.536 billion for sustainable projects in India?

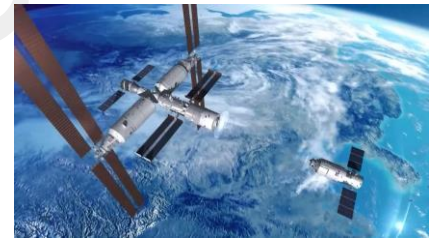
- A. Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd (REC)
- B. Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd (HEC)
- C. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL)
- D. HMT Ltd (HMTL)



- ✓ Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd (REC) obtained a Green Loan of Japanese Yen (JPY) 60.536 billion for sustainable initiatives in India. The Italian Export Credit Agency, SACE, backed the loan with an 80% guarantee as part of its Push Strategy program. Targeting renewable energy, green mobility, and energy efficiency projects, it marks SACE's inaugural JPY-denominated loan and their first green loan in India. This move aligns with the growing trend towards green financing, fostering environmental sustainability.

8. Recently, which country successfully launched Shenzhou-18 spacecraft to its Space Station?

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



- ✓ China launched a three-member crew to its Tiangong space station from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center atop a Long March 2-F rocket. The Shenzhou-18 crew will spend approximately six months on the station, conducting scientific tests, installing space debris protection equipment, and promoting science education. China aims to put astronauts on the moon by 2030, becoming the third nation to do so after the Soviet Union and the US.

9. Recently, which organization released the 2024 Global Education Monitoring Report namely "Gender report – Technology on her terms" in France?

- A. UNDP
- B. IMF
- C. UNESCO
- D. UNICEF



- ✓ The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) published the 2024 Global Education Monitoring Report: Gender report – Technology on her terms in France in 2024. The report examines the impact of technology on girls' education opportunities and future technological development. It highlights ICT's potential to overcome educational barriers for girls, citing the M-shule platform in Kenya.

10. Recently, which space organization successfully launched its Advanced Composite Solar Sail System spacecraft from New Zealand?

- A. JAXA
- B. NASA
- C. ISRO
- D. CNSA



- ✓ **NASA recently launched a space mission from New Zealand, deploying the Advanced Composite Solar Sail System spacecraft aboard Rocket Lab's Electron rocket. The spacecraft utilizes solar energy for propulsion, orbiting 1,000 kilometers above Earth with an 80 square meter sail. Key objectives include demonstrating solar sail effectiveness and maneuverability.**

11. Recently, who secured a gold medal in women's 10m Air Rifle at World Shooting Para Sport tournament in Changwon, Korea?

- A. Esha Singh
- B. Avani Lekhara
- C. Mona Aggarwal
- D. Sift Kaur Sharma



- ✓ **Indian para-shooter Mona Aggarwal clinched gold in women's 10m air rifle, while Army man Amir Ahmed Bhatt secured silver in 25m pistol at the World Shooting Para Sport tournament in Changwon, Korea. Mona, 37, claimed the R2-10m air rifle standing SH1 gold with a score of 250.8, her second World Cup title of the year. Slovakia's Verónica Vadovicova won silver and Swedish shooter Anna Benson took bronze.**

12. Project Nilgiri Tahr is an initiative launched by which state government?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Telangana



- ✓ **The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) will join the three-day synchronised Nilgiri Tahr census as a third-party observer. This census, starting April 29, is the first-ever synchronised effort to estimate the Nilgiri Tahr population. Collaborators include WWF-India, WII, and AIWC. Project Nilgiri Tahr, launched by the Tamil Nadu government, spans 2022-2027, aiming to safeguard the species and ensure its survival.**

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